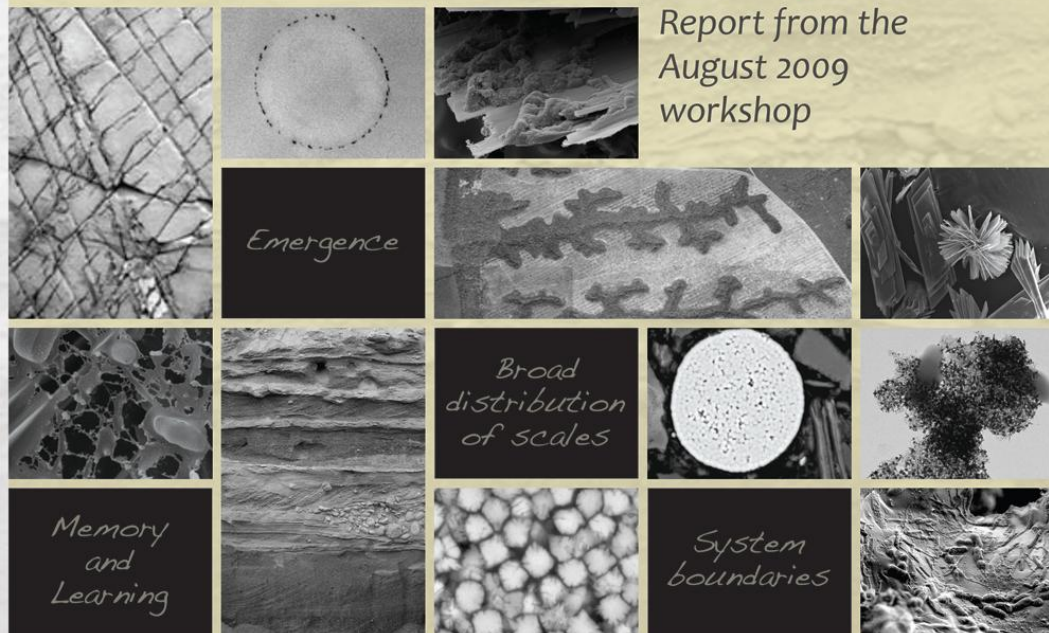
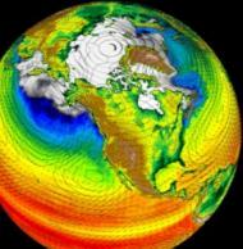


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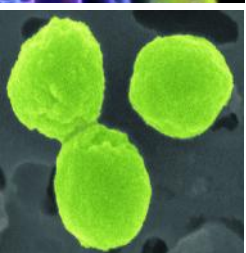
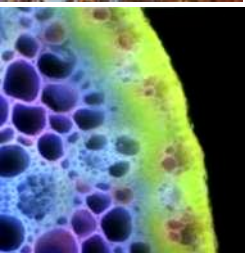
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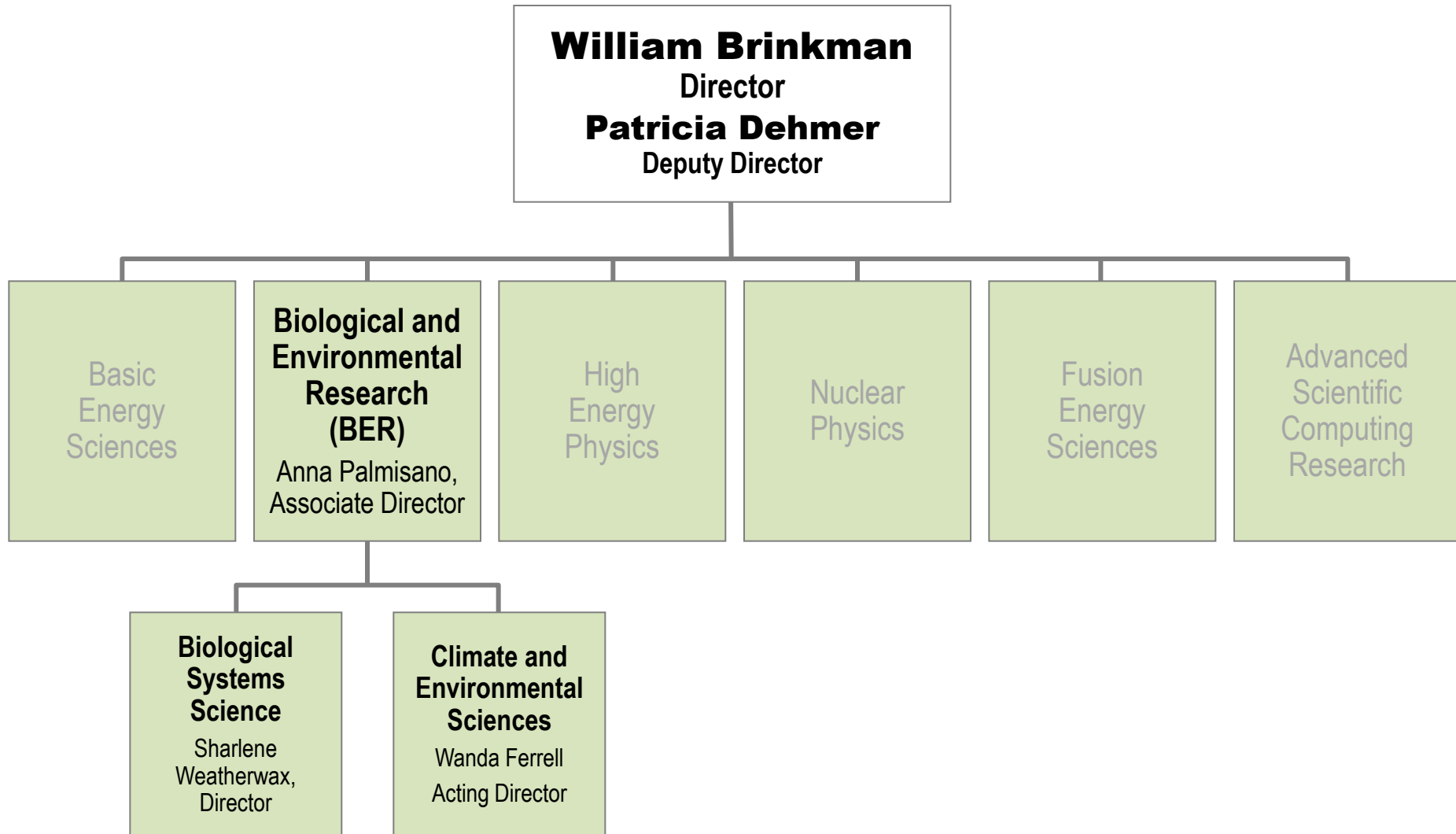


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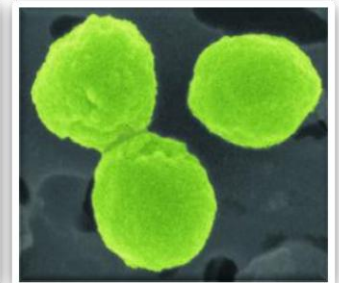
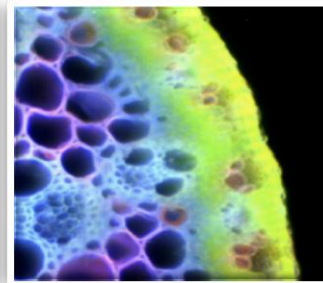
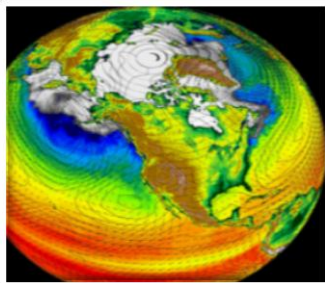
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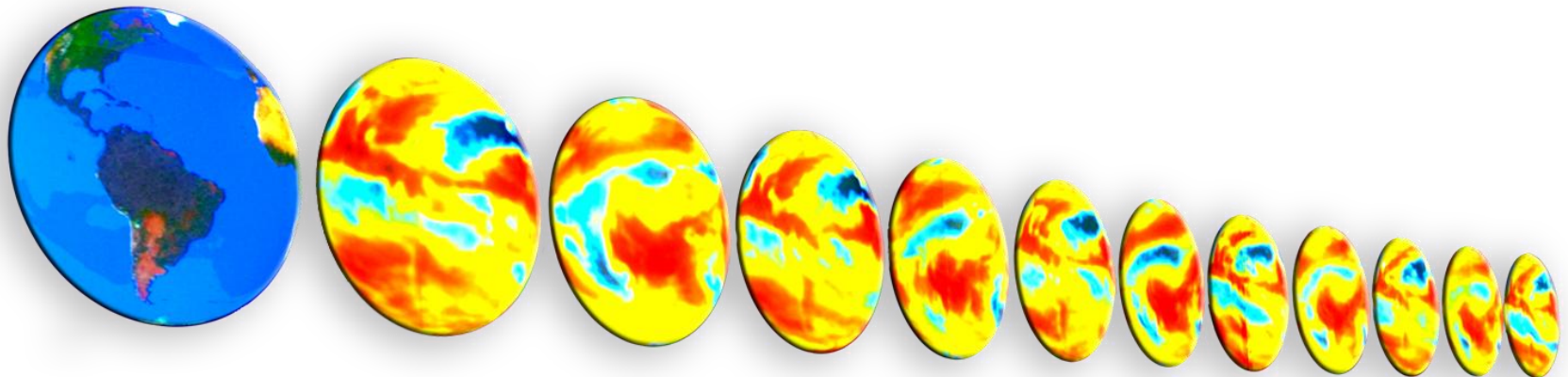
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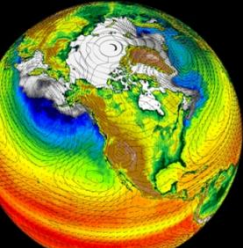
- To understand complex biological, climatic, and environmental systems across spatial and temporal scales.
- BER provides the foundational science to:
 - Support the development of next generation biofuels
 - Understand and predict the potential effects of greenhouse gas emissions on Earth's climate and biosphere – the energy-climate nexus
 - **Understand and predict processes in subsurface environments**
 - Develop new tools to explore the interface of biological and physical sciences



Biological and Environmental Research Approach

- Understanding complex biological and environmental systems across many spatial and temporal scales:
 - From the sub-micron to the global
 - From individual molecules to ecosystems
 - From nanoseconds to millennia
- **Integrating science by tightly coupling theory, observations, experiments, models, and simulations => predictive understanding**
- Supporting interdisciplinary research to address critical national needs
- Engaging national laboratories, universities, and the private sector to generate the best possible science





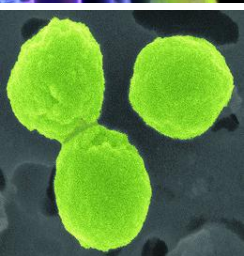
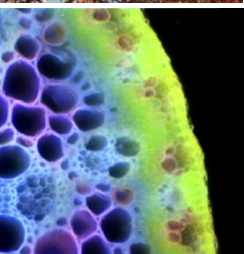
Subsurface Biogeochemical Research (\$50M/yr)



Advancing a fundamental understanding of coupled physical, chemical and biological processes controlling contaminant mobility in the environment



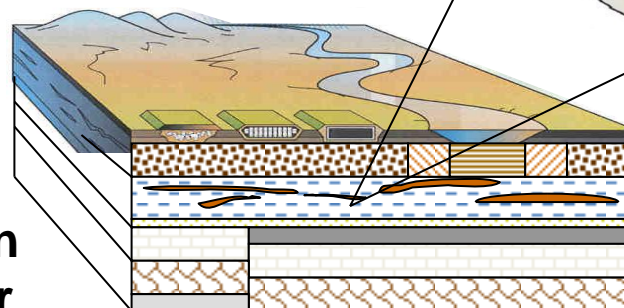
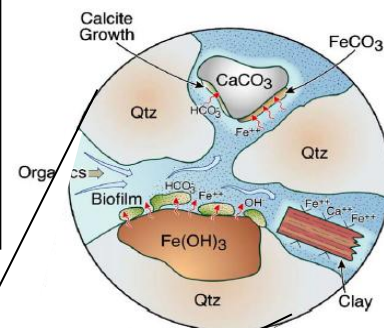
Addressing DOE issues in intractable environmental remediation, long term stewardship and nuclear waste disposal



**Current Contaminants of Concern
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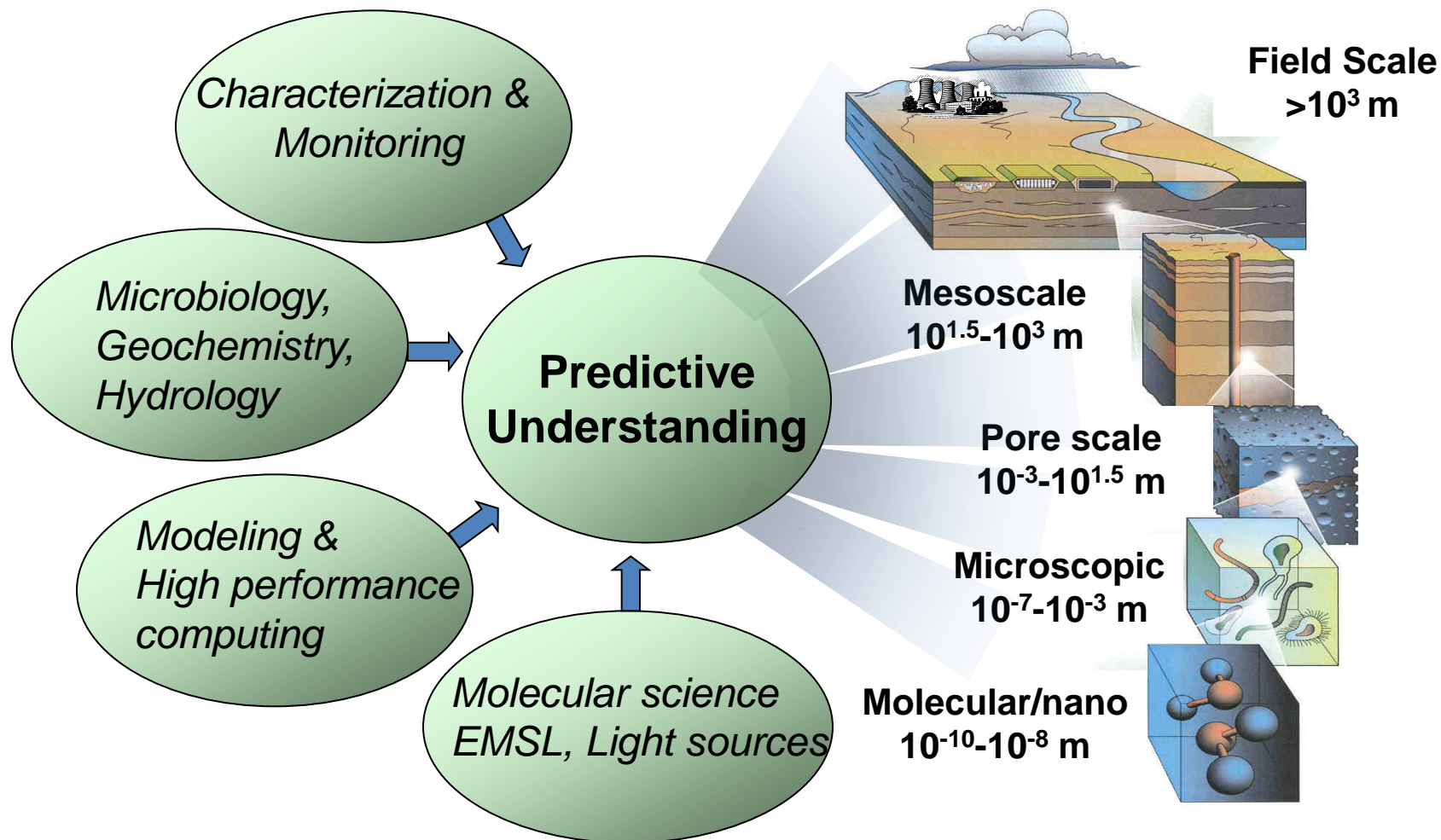
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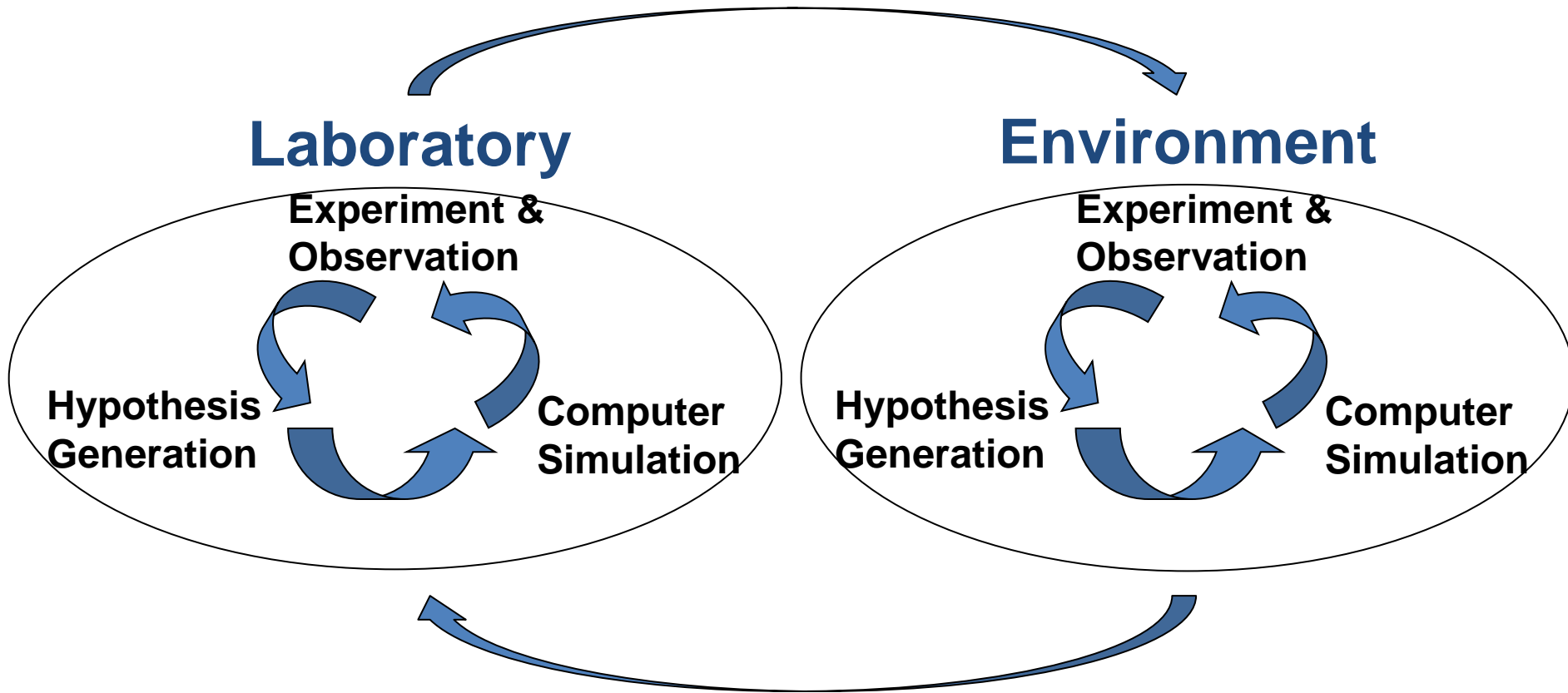


Subsurface Research Across Scales

Integrative, multidisciplinary approaches to understand multi-scale processes controlling contaminant mobility in the environment



Iterative and Model Driven Investigations



SBR seeks predictive understanding of the coupled processes controlling contaminant mobility in the environment. Uncertainty quantification/reduction and impact drive the decision making processes

SBR Structure

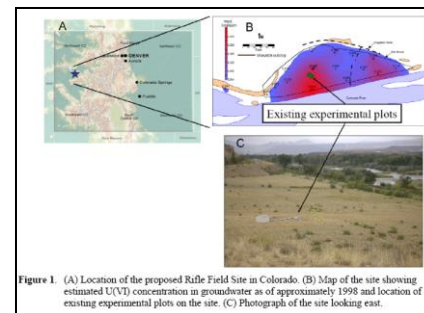
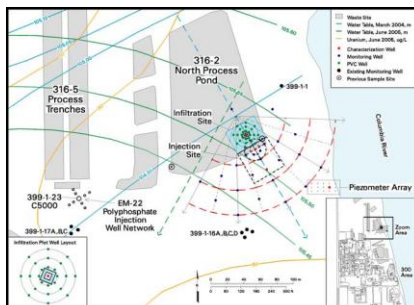
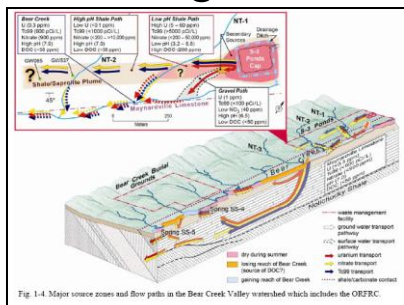
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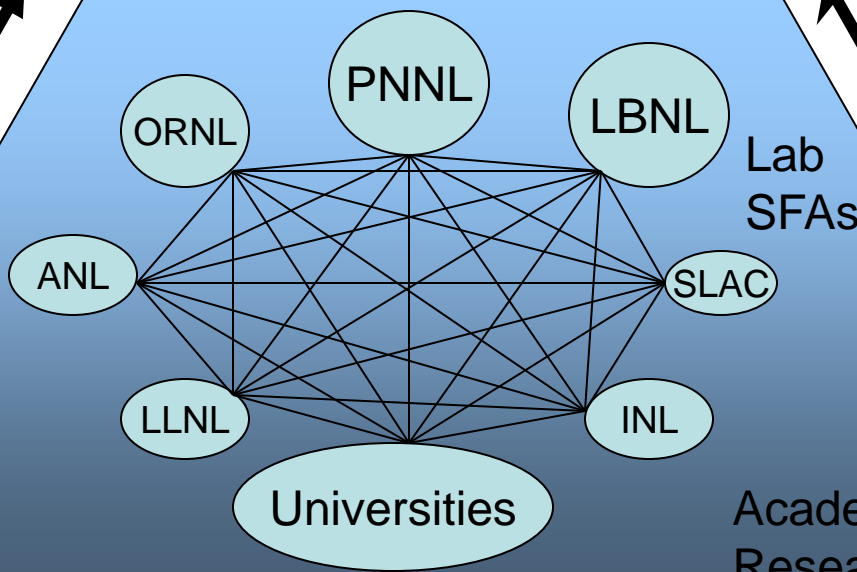
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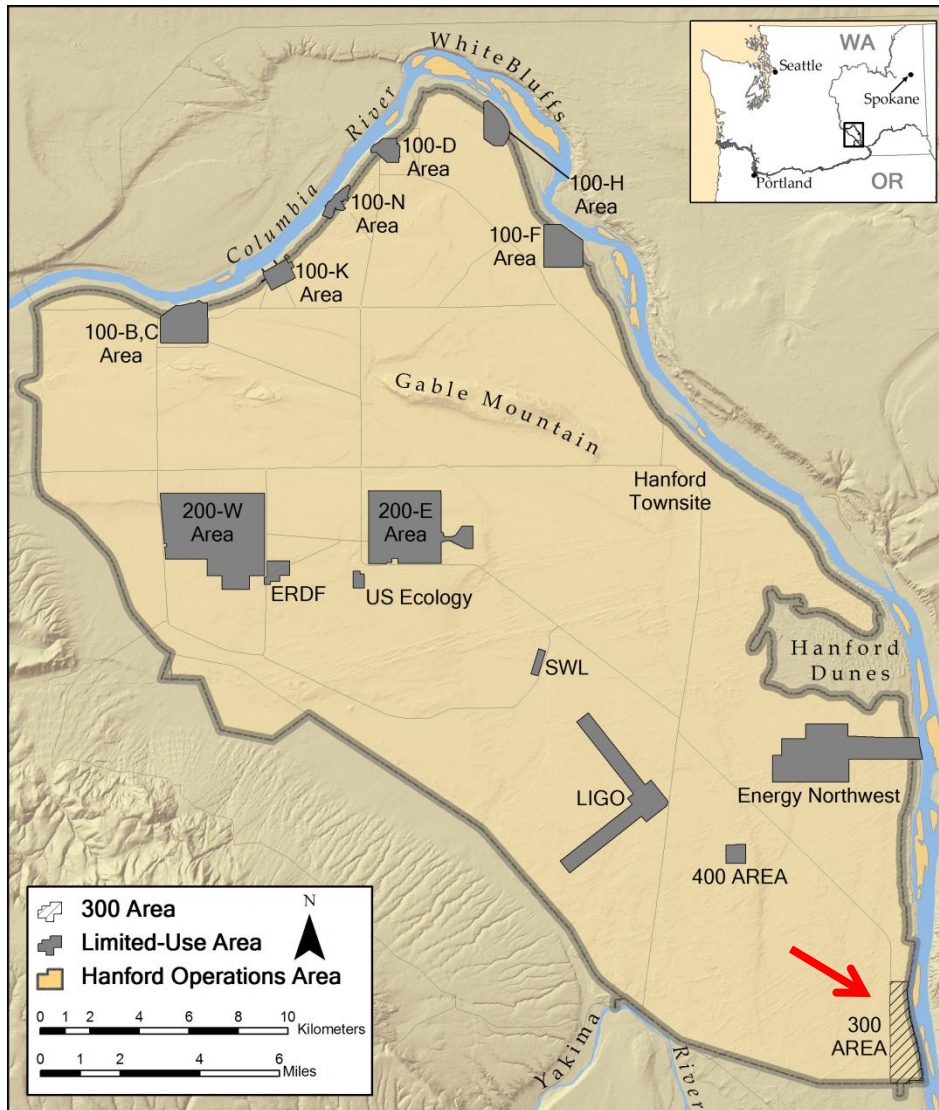
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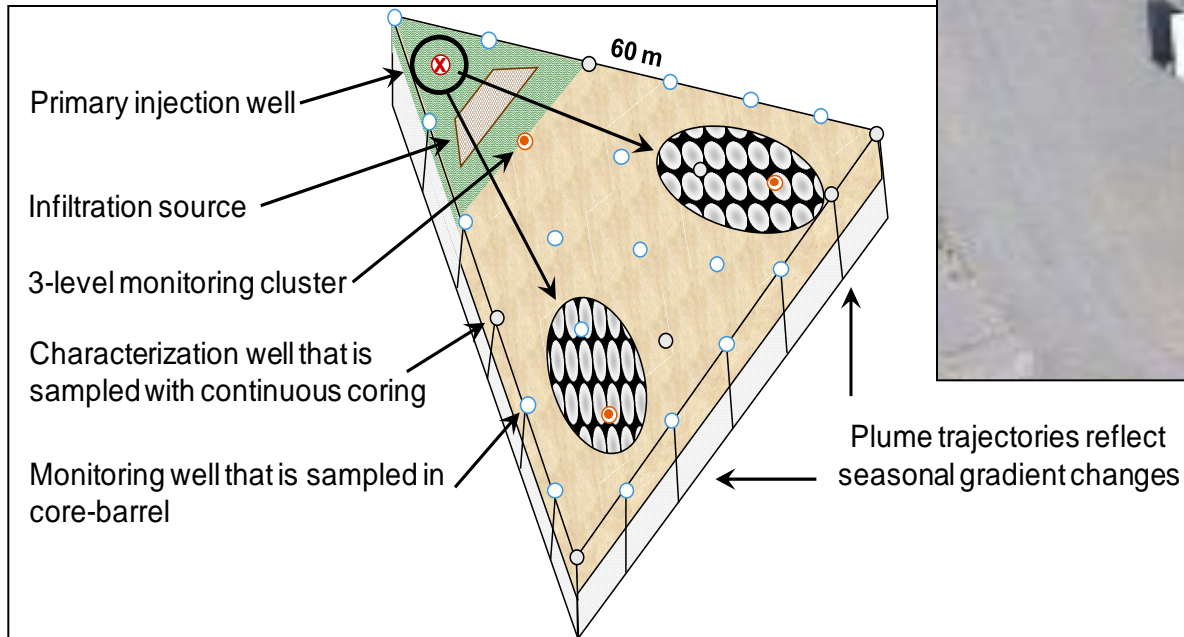


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BER Strategic Planning: Contaminant Fate and Transport

Workshop report:

http://www.sc.doe.gov/ober/subsurfacecomplexity_03-05-10.pdf

Strategic plan:




<http://www.sc.doe.gov/ober/Subsurface%20Biogeochemical%20Research%20Strategic%20Plan.pdf>



Developing a Plan

- Conduct workshop to Identify knowledge gaps and science challenges that must be met to predict contaminant behavior in complex subsurface systems
- Using the logic model format, develop a strategic plan for the BER contaminant fate and transport research program for a ten year planning horizon
 - Evaluate utilization of existing program elements and resources, consider needs
 - Consider points of integration with other BER mission areas and leveraging of other DOE research programs and facilities
 - Consider overarching BER complex systems science philosophy

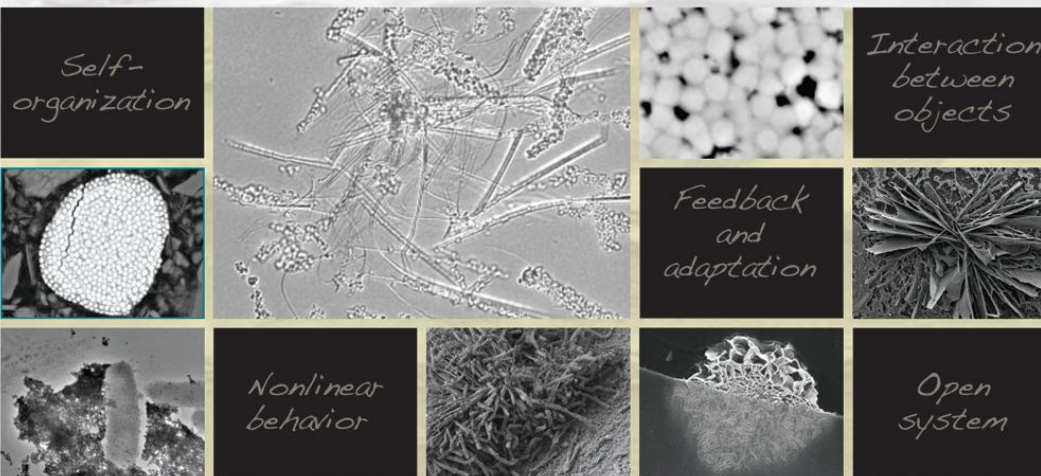
The Logic of Logic Models

Contaminant Fate and Transport					
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Current Situation	Inputs / Resources	Near Term Goals (1-5 years)	Mid Term Goals (5-10 years)	Long Term Goals (10-15 years)	Outcomes (Impacts on science and society)
<p>Inadequate understanding of the <i>key</i> biogeochemical and hydrodynamic processes which control contaminant fate and transport in the environment</p> <p>Linear engineering approach does not account for the inherent complexity of real earth systems which leads to ineffective approaches to site characterization, modeling and management/stewardship</p>	<p>Integrated SFA research programs</p> <p>Engaged university research community with multidisciplinary capabilities</p> <p>Integrated Field Research Challenge (IFRC) sites</p> <p>EMSL, JGI, SciDAC, BES Geosciences, BES User Facilities</p> <p>EM, LM, USGS</p>	<p>Goal 1</p> <p>Goal 2</p> <p>Goal 3</p> 	<p>Goal 1</p> <p>Goal 2</p> <p>Goal 3</p> 	<p>Goal 1</p> <p>Goal 2</p> <p>Goal 3</p> 	<p>Improved understanding of contaminant transport and transformation through iterative, and interdisciplinary, experimentation and modeling.</p> <p>Improved management of the impacts of environmental contamination from past nuclear weapons production and the long-term stewardship of nuclear waste</p> <p>Reduced risks to human health and the environment.</p>



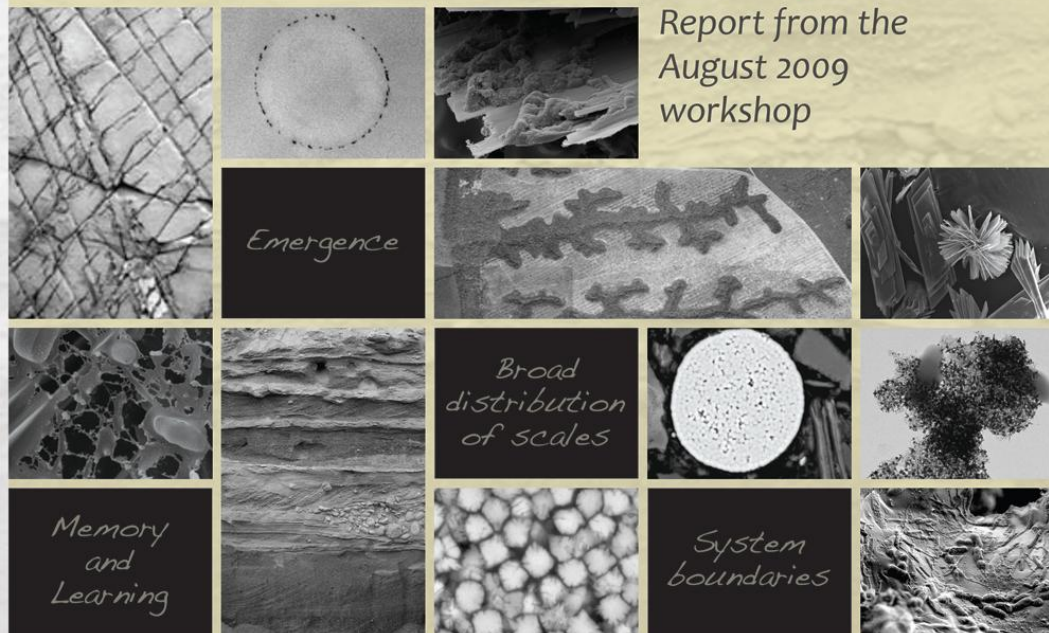
Desired Outcomes

- Increased understanding of coupled biogeochemical processes in key subsurface environments that enable system-level prediction and control.
- Robust strategies to monitor, immobilize or remove former weapons production-related contaminants from the environment.
- Science-based approaches to risk assessments of spent nuclear fuel storage.
- Societal Benefits: reduce the risk and cost of managing subsurface environmental and energy systems and increase public acceptance.



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DOE-BER Workshop

Complex System Science for Subsurface Fate and Transport

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Workshop Goal and Objectives

Goal – *Identify knowledge gaps and science challenges that must be met to predict contaminant behavior in complex subsurface systems*

Objectives:

- **Define complex subsurface systems** and establish why they are important to different DOE environmental and energy mission outcomes
- Consider how the **coupling of subsurface processes** (hydrological, microbiological, and geochemical) defines complex system response and dynamics
- Evaluate **research approaches** that can be used to identify and account for the influence of smaller scale processes and their mechanisms on larger scale system behavior.
- Conceptualize models needed to describe and **predict complex system behavior** at different scales.
- Identify significant, long-term, **interdisciplinary research opportunities** associated with complex subsurface systems.

Workshop Discussion

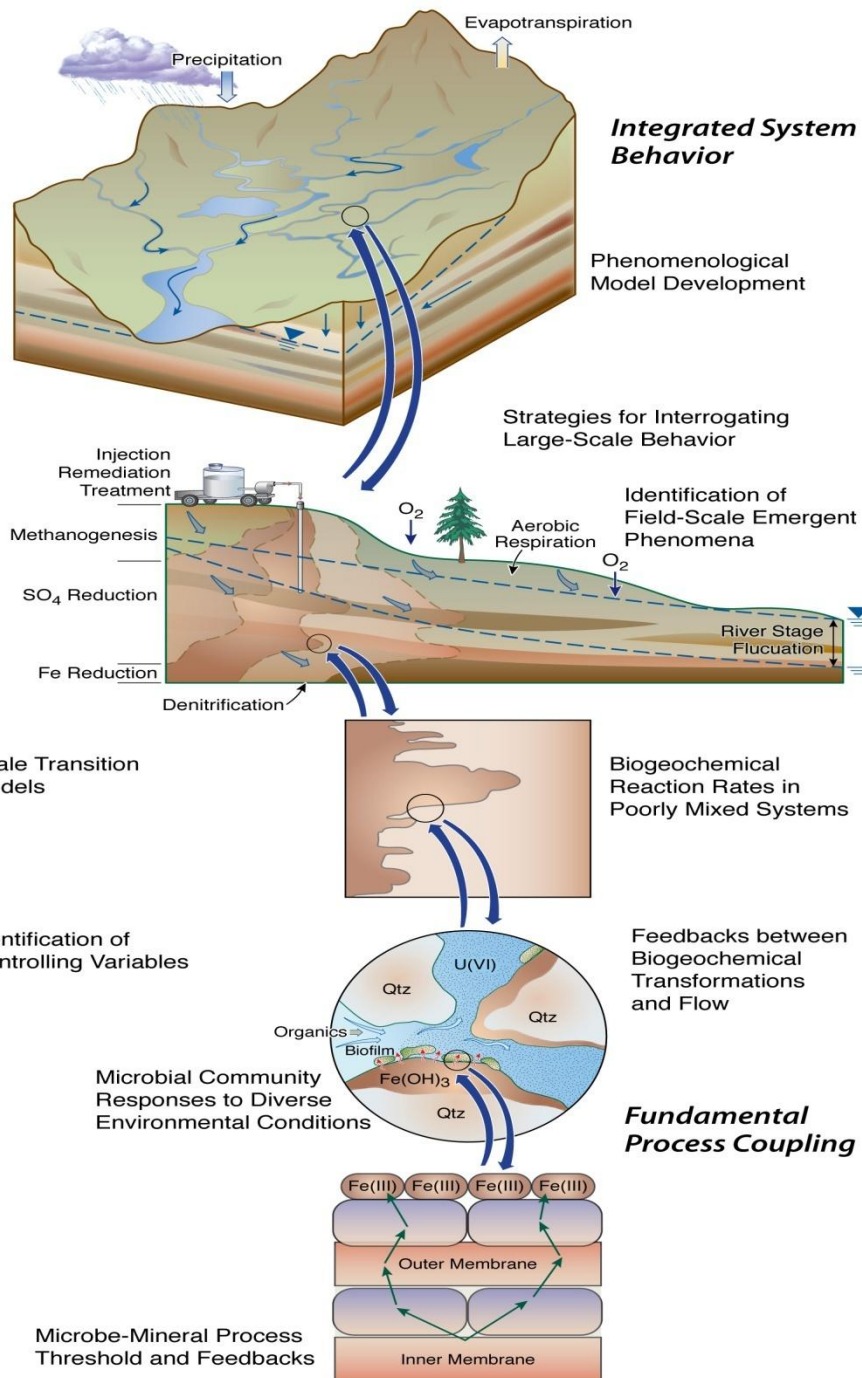
	Reductionism	Complexity
Philosophy	Overall system behavior can be understood from a detailed understanding of the system components	“More is Different” => Emergence Seek to identify and understand commonalities between complex systems and their relationship to more simple systems
Strategy	Understand and model system behavior as some permutation of the sum of its lower scale parts – blame heterogeneity for shortcomings	Identify diagnostic variables and transferable macro-scale laws that define/describe high-level system behavior – blame entropy for short comings (P.V.)
Research Approach	Bottom-Up: mechanistic	Top-Down: phenomenological
Modeling	Mechanistic details of lower scale processes are preserved but streamlined in upscaling. Models are “calibrated” to account for the effects of	Phenomenological models are used to explain and describe key processes contributions, interactions, and properties that control system behavior

Hybrid Approach: Reductionism + Complexity

- A pragmatic melding of bottom-up and top-down approaches.
- Emphasize the identification and understanding of *key* underlying mechanisms and interactions, and the importance of scale transitions, while simultaneously providing insights on common macroscopic laws governing complex system behavior at the prediction scale
- Goal is to achieve comprehensive and quantitative system predictability through iterative experimentation and modeling.

Complex System Research Opportunities

Research Opportunity	Challenge
1. Understand Fundamental Subsurface Process Coupling.	Coupled Mineral-Microbe Interfacial Processes
	Microbial Community Responses in Dynamic Subsurface Conditions
	Biogeochemical Rates in Heterogeneous Media
	Feedbacks Between Biogeochemical Transformations and Flow
2. Identify and Quantify Scale Transitions in Hierarchical Subsurface Systems	Measurement Approaches for Key Variables and Diagnostic Signatures
	Identification of Smaller-Scale Controlling Variables
	Scale Transition Models
3. Understand Integrated Subsurface System Behavior	Identification of Field-Scale Emergent Phenomena
	Strategies for Interrogating Large-Scale Behavior
	Phenomenological Models for Prediction



Summary and Workshop Findings

- **Apply a hybrid research approach** to advance predictive understanding of hierarchical subsurface systems by combining complimentary bottom-up reductionism with top-down complexity concepts through **iterative experimentation and modeling**.
- Focus well-conceived, hybrid research efforts at selected **DOE-relevant field study sites, and representative laboratory model systems** at different scales, that offer the most potential for understanding fundamental process interactions that occur across scales and lead to complex subsurface behavior.
- Explore the value of complex system science approaches in providing the scientific basis for effective DOE management of earth/environmental systems

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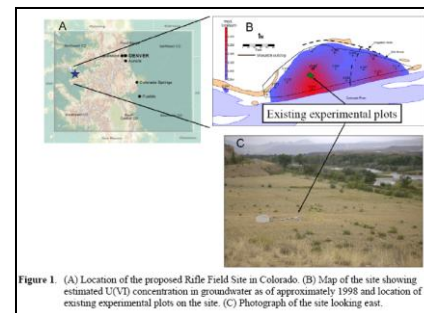
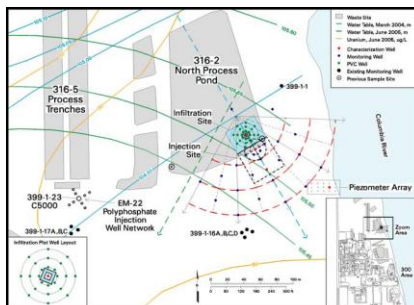
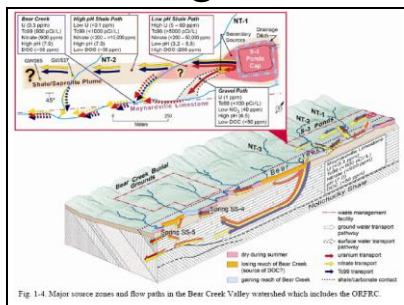
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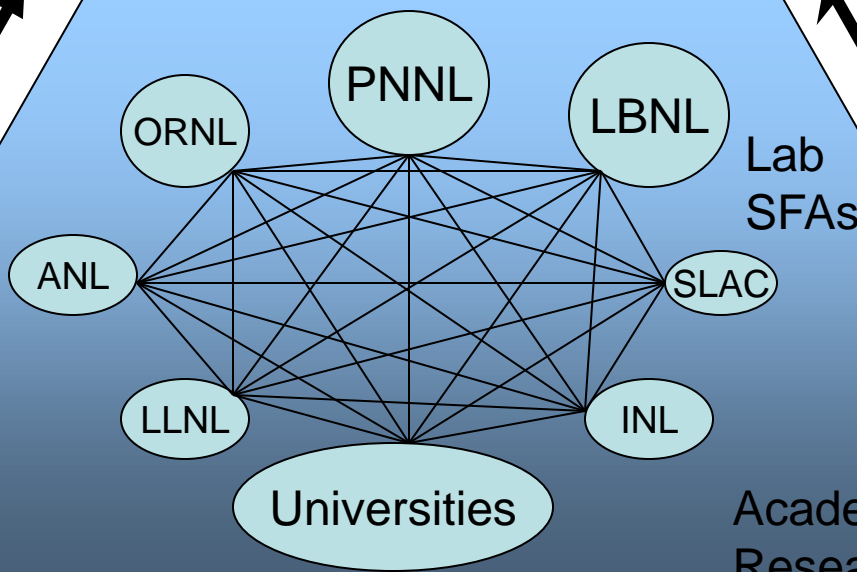
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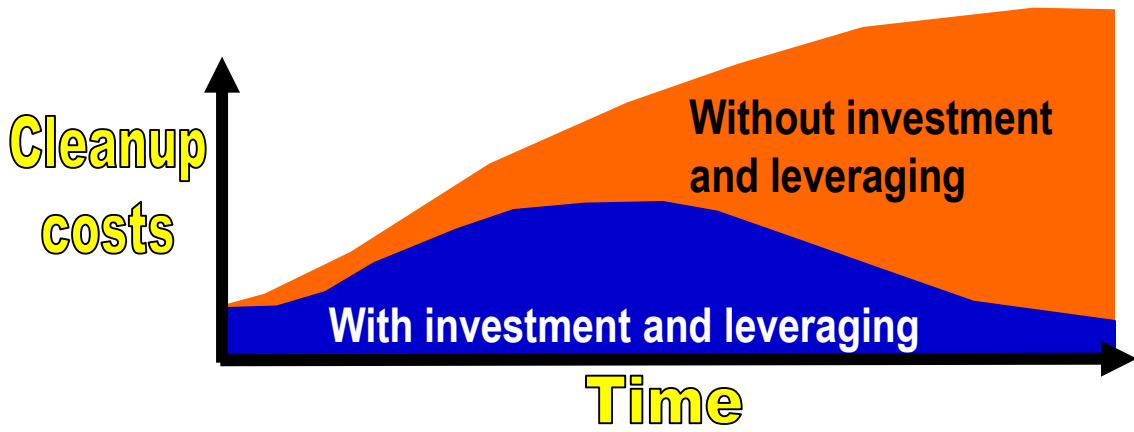
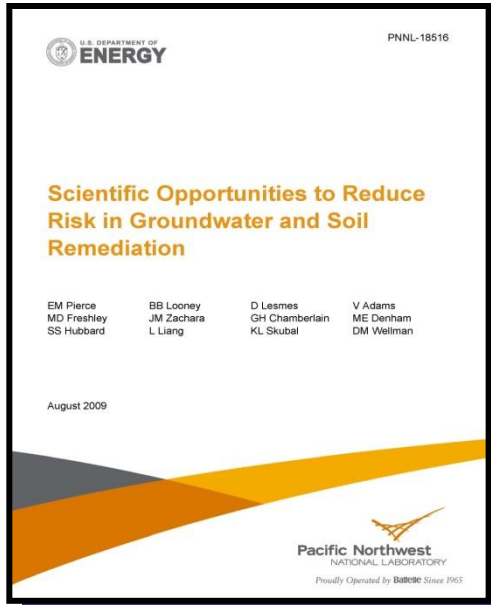
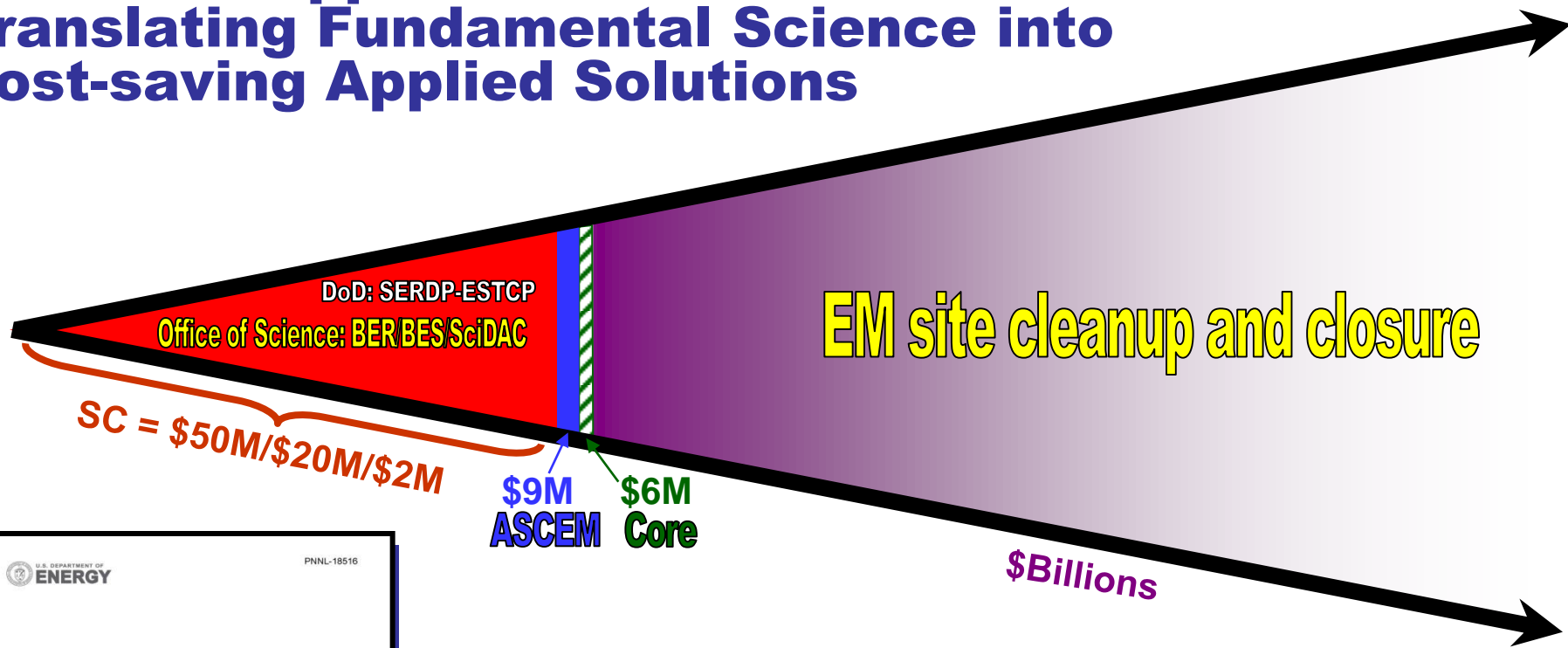


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Implications: R&D Integration and Solutions

- For complex systems, understanding just the components of the system does not provide predictive understanding of the complete system. “Scientists and science programs need to meaningfully engage with problems at relevant scales and sites” – Steve Koonin
- Although we strive to develop common principles and approaches, each site is unique and solutions/decisions need to be developed using a phased (iterative) approach that is science based (understand, predict, control, monitor => a “living model”) – Carol Eddy-Dilek
- Seek solutions that are robust to uncertainty – Brian Looney
- Effective solutions will require integrated and collaborative approaches involving basic and applied science, contractors and regulators. Linear approaches to remediation solutions are not effective.
- Prioritize efforts to focus on major risk drivers and holistic systems approaches to solutions

Scientific Opportunities to Reduce Remediation Risk: Translating Fundamental Science into Cost-saving Applied Solutions



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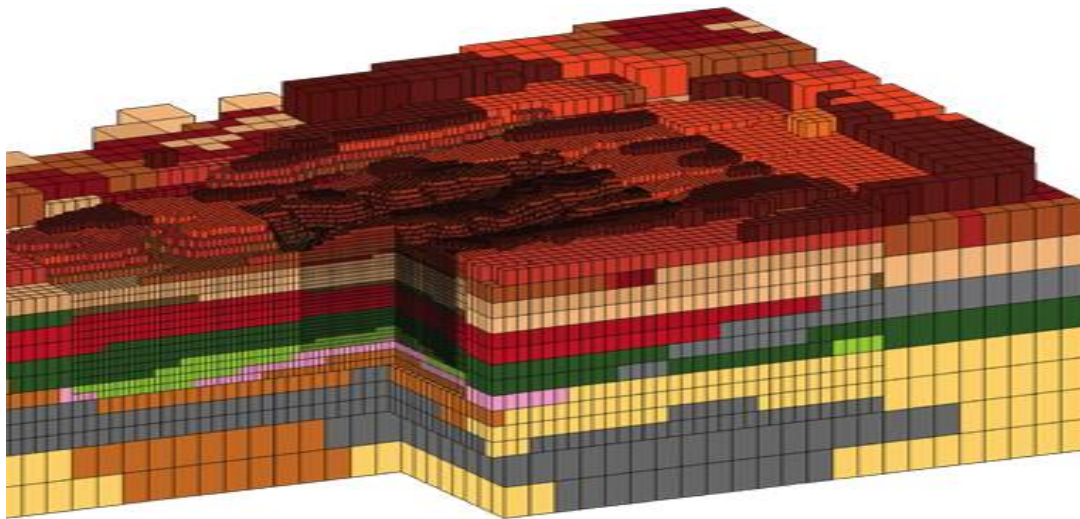


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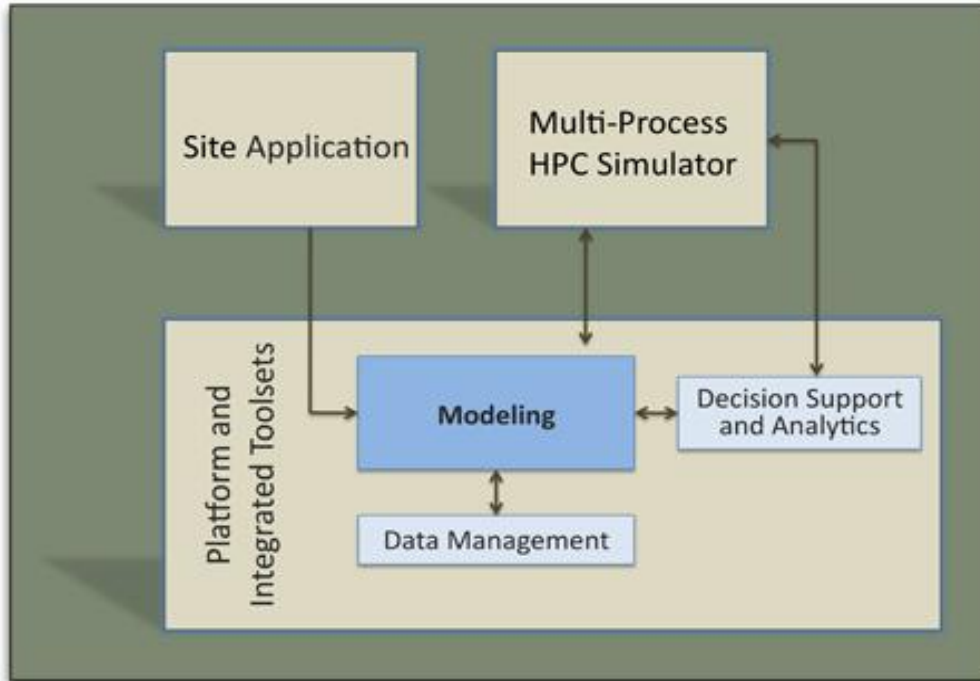


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➤ Platform and Integrated Toolsets

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➤ Multi-Process High Performance Computing Simulator

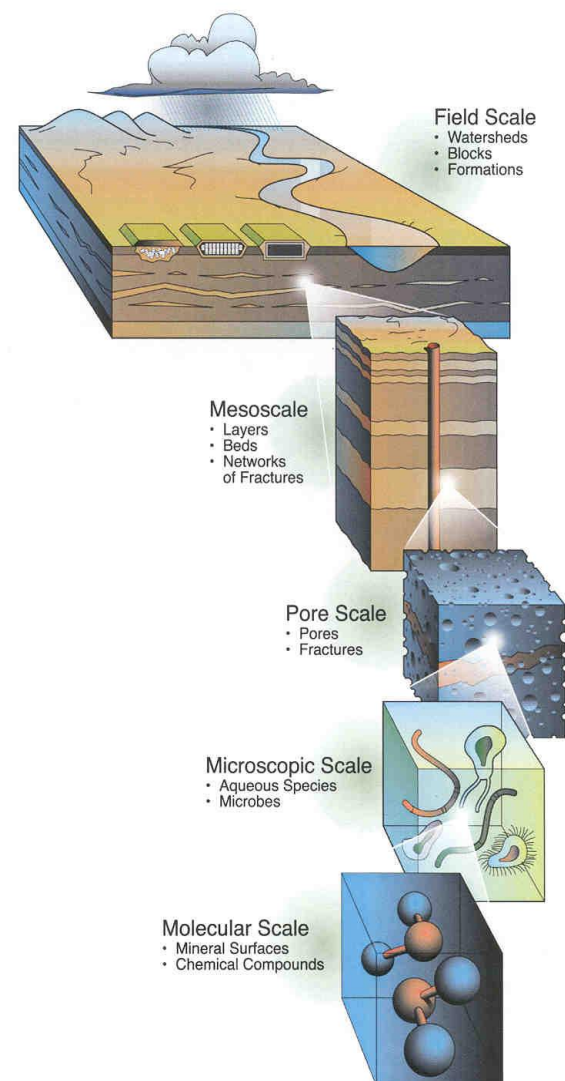
- Modular simulation capability for barrier and waste form degradation, multiphase flow and reactive transport



Summary

Office of Science

- SBR's challenge is to orient multidisciplinary DOE Laboratory programs and University-led projects towards iterative understanding of key processes affecting contaminant mobility in the environment to help provide DOE with science-based solutions (approaches) for its remaining (currently intractable) environmental problems.
- SC and EM Programs are working closely together to develop and strategically implement science based tools and approaches – building on established capabilities
- Establishing credibility and confidence of regulators and stakeholders is critical. Must include them in the process. This is part of the ASCEM plan/approach.



A photograph of the Washington Monument seen through the branches of cherry blossom trees. The monument is a tall, white, obelisk-shaped structure that stands out against a clear blue sky. The foreground is filled with the dark, gnarled branches of trees covered in light pink and white cherry blossoms. The overall scene is a beautiful spring landscape in Washington, D.C.

Thank you!

Scientific Focus Areas at the National Laboratories

Team-oriented Approach to Subsurface Science

PNNL (\$6.5M) - Integrated investigations of geochemical, microbial and transport processes at different scales.
Focus on Hanford Site (U, Tc, Pu)

LBNL (\$4.5M) – Integrated investigations of geochemical, microbial and transport processes at different scales.
Hanford 100 Area, Old Rifle IFRC, SRS F-Area (U, Cr, I)

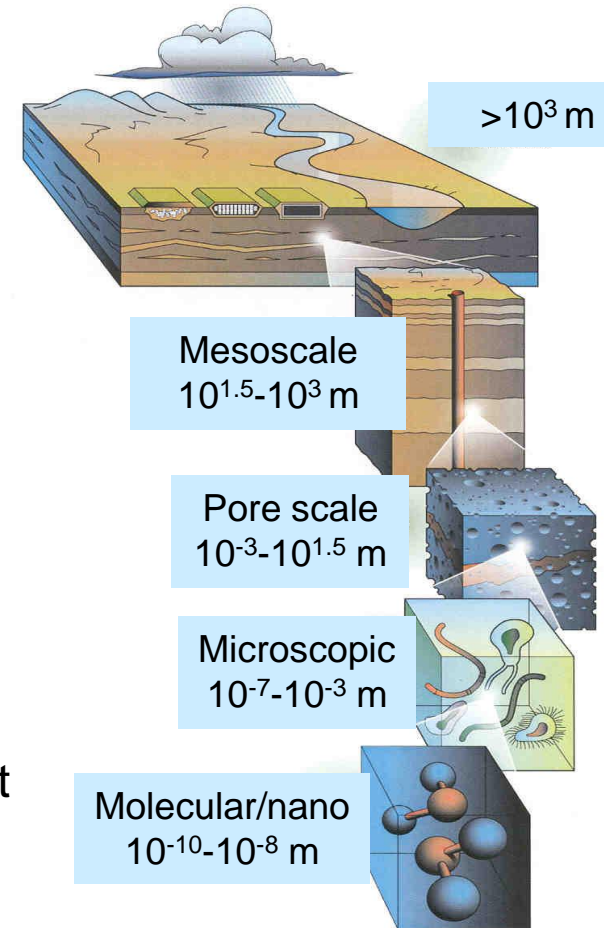
ORNL (\$3M) – Biogeochemistry, microbial processes (Hg)

ANL (\$1.5M) – Synchrotron environmental science

SLAC (\$0.7M) – Synchrotron environmental science

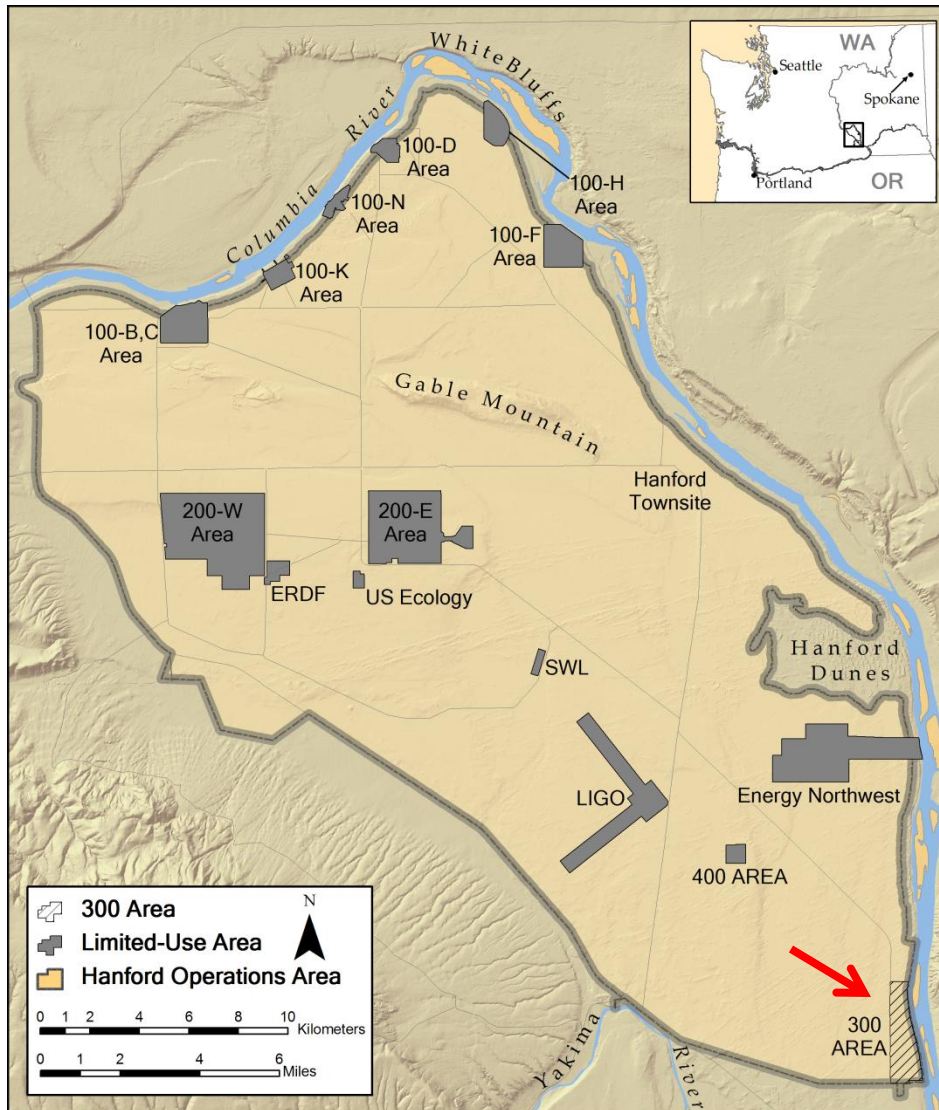
LLNL (\$1.2M) – Pu geochemistry at NTS – colloid transport

INL (\$1.5M) – Immobilization of metal contaminants
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- *Lab programs rigorously reviewed every three years*
- *SFA Programs collaborative with the University community*

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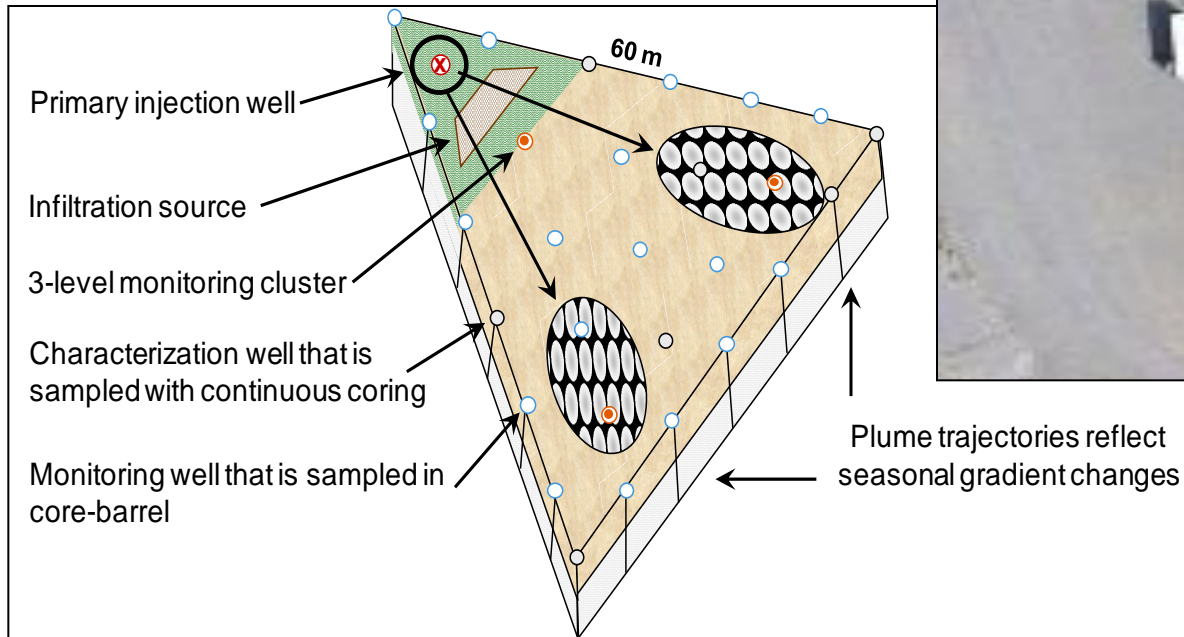


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SciDAC : Scientific Discovery through Advanced Computing

SciDAC – A partnership between DOE’s Office of Advanced Scientific Computing (ASCR) and the other Program Offices within the Office of Science (<http://www.scidac.gov/>).

- 5 –year projects
- teams application scientists with computational scientists
- explores the potential of using high performance computing to address DOE mission areas

ERSP Co-funds two SciDAC projects with ASCR

Modeling Multiscale-Multiphase-Multicomponent Subsurface Reactive Flows using Advanced Computing (Lead PI: Peter Lichtner, LANL (<https://software.lanl.gov/pflotran>))

Hybrid Numerical Methods for Multiscale Simulations of Subsurface Biogeochemical Processes (Lead PI: Tim Scheibe, PNNL (<http://subsurface.pnl.gov/>))

Mid-term review of SciDAC projects conducted in April 2009

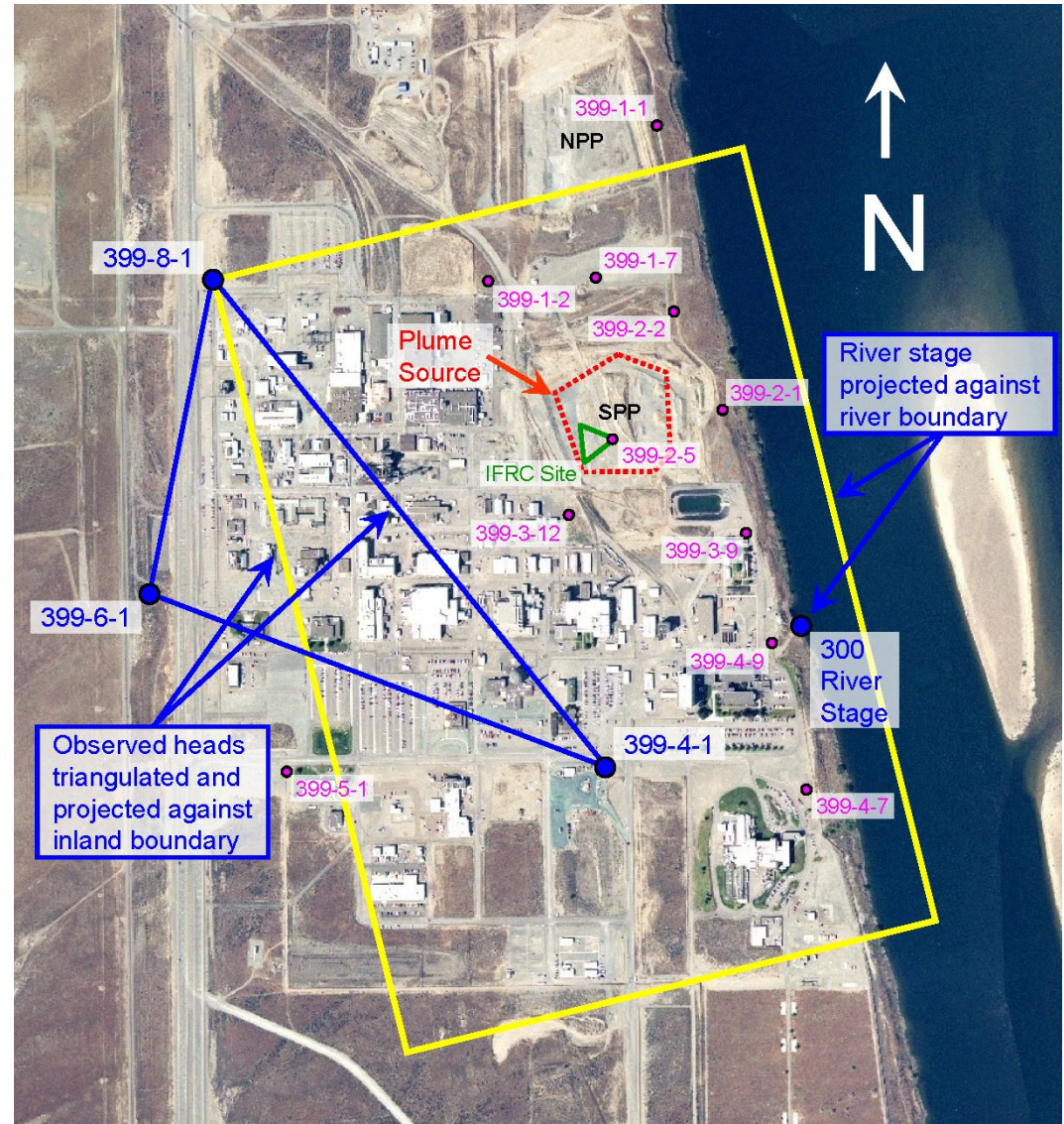
Placing the Hanford 300 Area IFRC Site in Perspective: Plume-scale Modeling of Uranium Attenuation and Its Flux to the Columbia River

SciDAC Research

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D. Svyatskiy, *LANL*;
B. Smith, *ANL*; A. Valocchi, *U. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*, B. Philip, *ORNL*

Hanford 300 Area Conceptual Model

- Problem domain:
 - 900×1300×20 meters
 - $\Delta x/\Delta y = 5$ meters
 - $\Delta z = 0.5$ meters
 - 1.87M grid cells
 - 28M unknowns
- 1-year simulation:
 - '92-'93 (8pm Dec. 25)
 - $\Delta t = 1$ hour
- High Performance Computing
 - 4096 processor cores (single realization)
 - 40960 processor cores (10 realizations)
 - 6 - 12 hours runtime



Hydraulic Characterization the Hyporheic Corridor at the Hanford 300 Area Using Geoelectrical Imaging and Distributed Temperature Sensing (DTS) Methods

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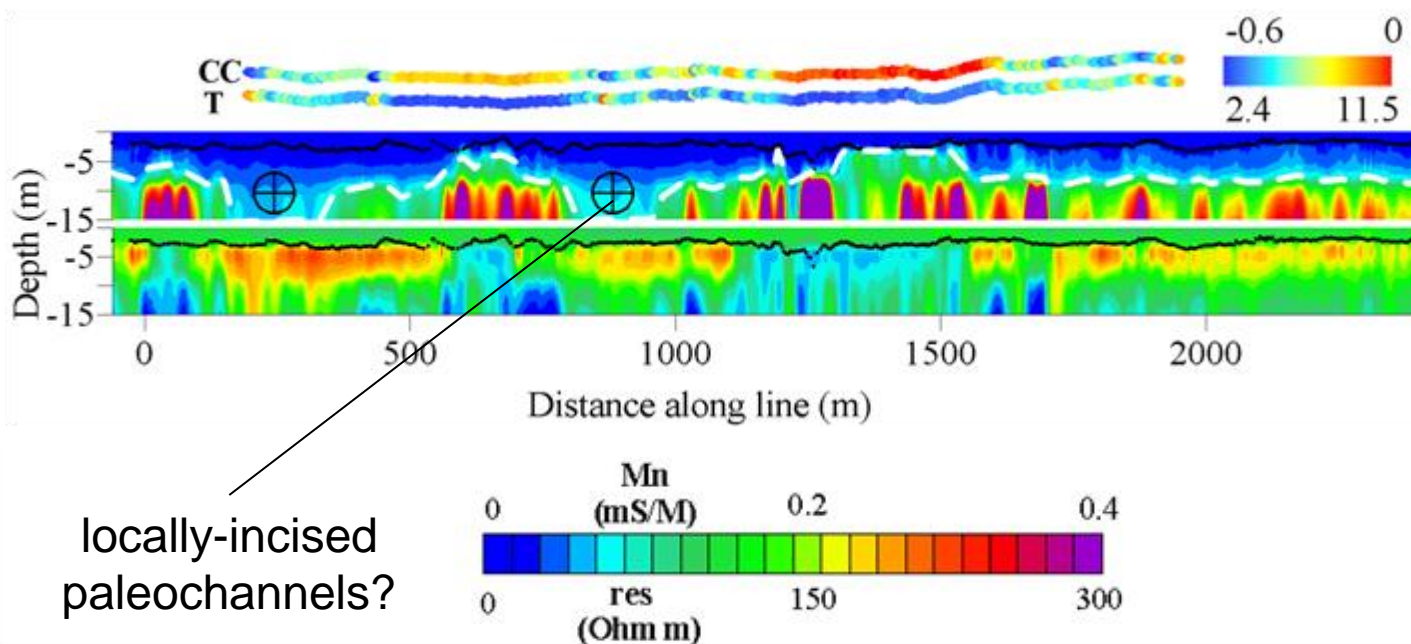


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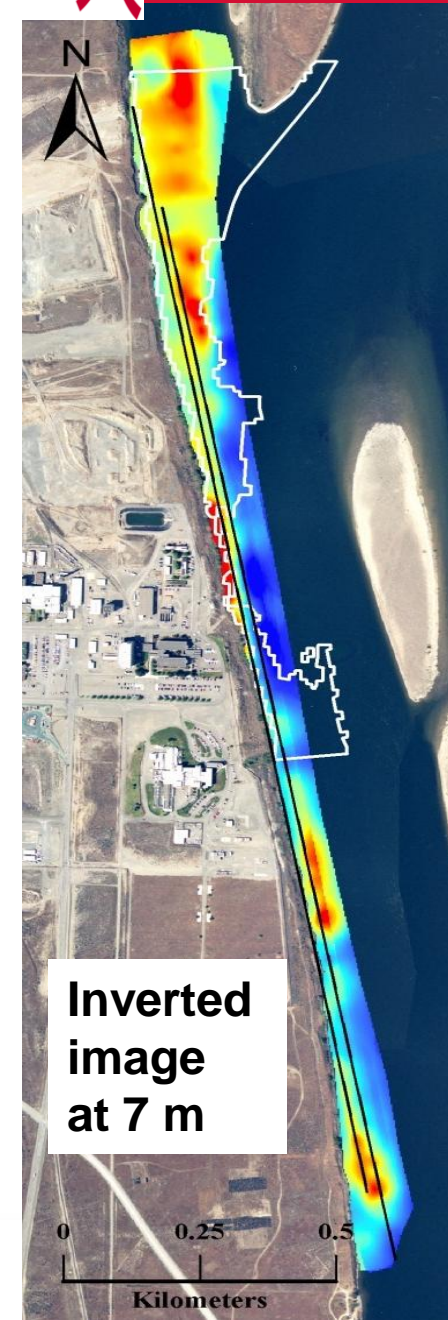
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Correlation of DTS and hydrogeologic framework

Focused hyporeheic exchange: temperature anomalies and a correlation between stage and temperature occur where Hanford unit thickest; exchange is muted/absent where Hanford is thin



Line 20 (20 m from shore)



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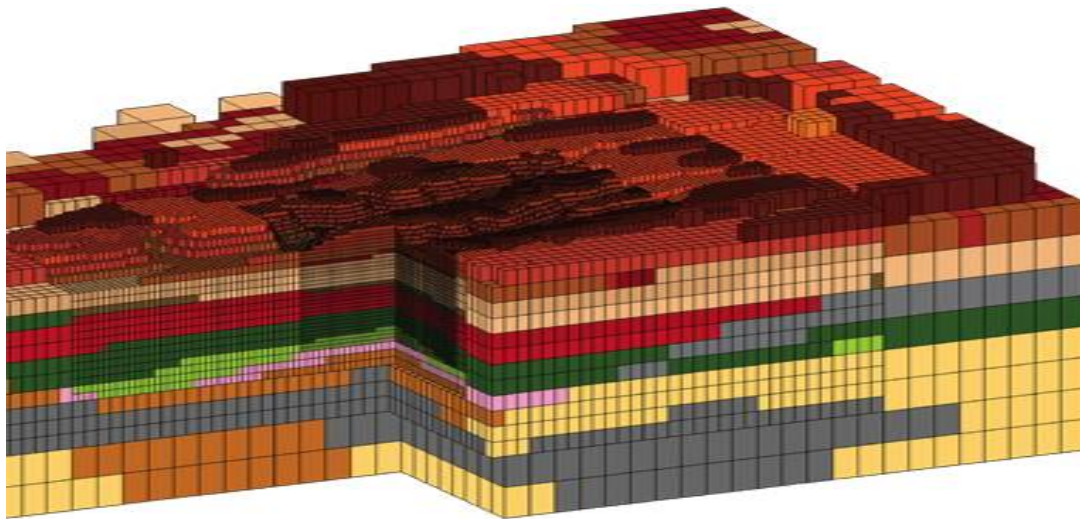


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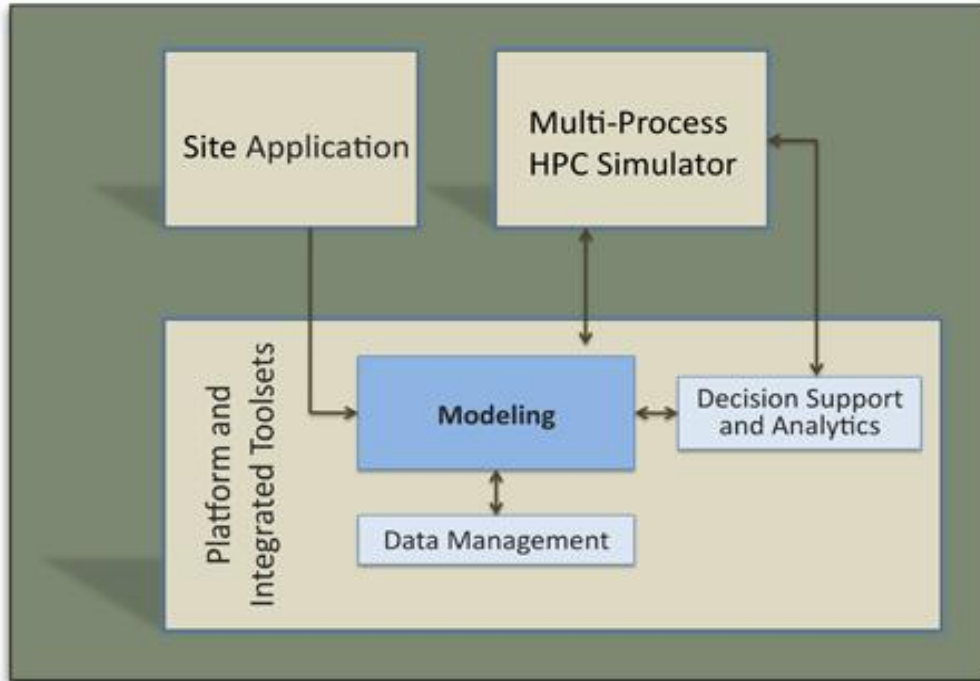


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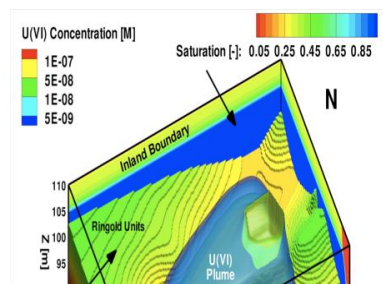
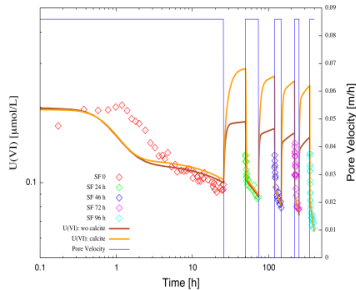
➤ Platform and Integrated Toolsets

- Facilitate model development and execution, parameter estimation, uncertainty quantification, decision support and risk analysis

➤ Multi-Process High Performance Computing Simulator

- Modular simulation capability for barrier and waste form degradation, multiphase flow and reactive transport

Multi-Process HPC Simulator



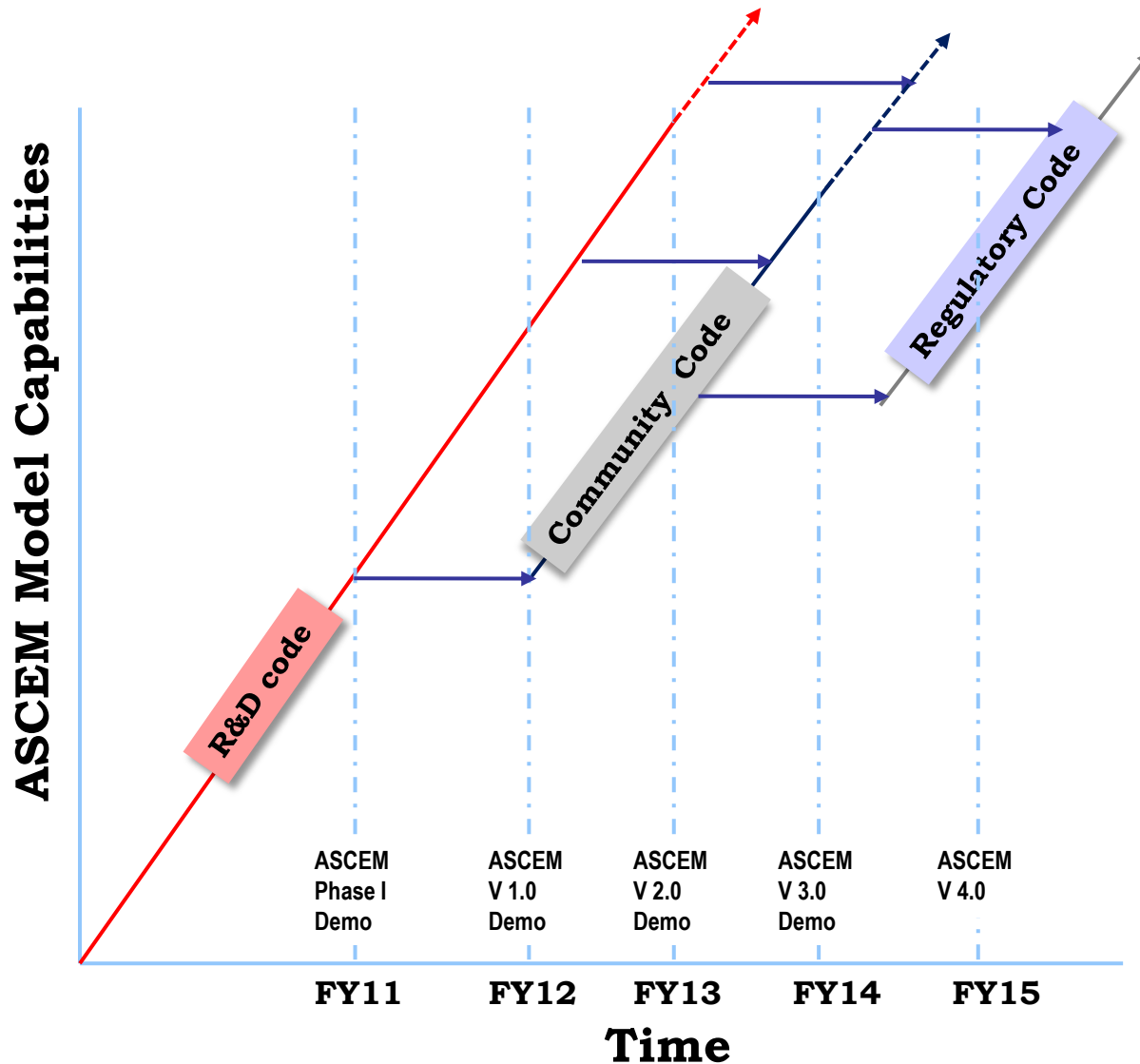
Wide Range of Complexity



Wide Range of Platforms

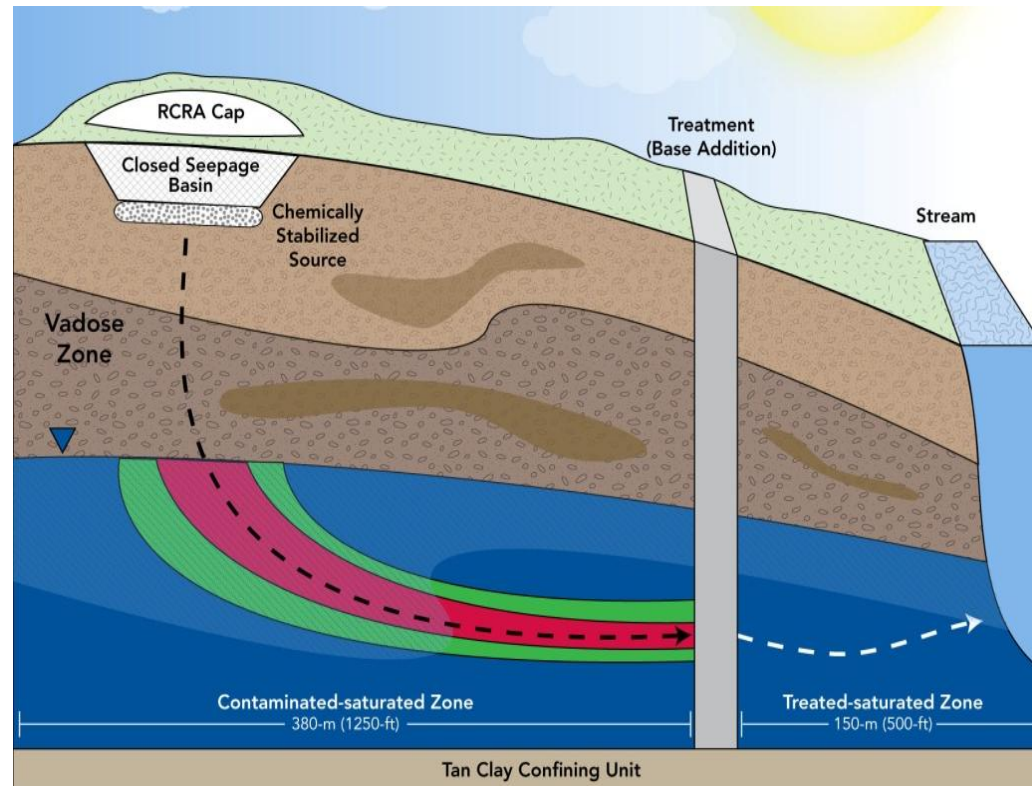
- Modular HPC simulation capability for waste form and engineered barrier degradation, multiphase flow, and reactive transport
- Efficient, robust simulation from supercomputers to laptops
- Design and build for emerging multi-core and accelerator-based systems
- Open-source project with strong community engagement

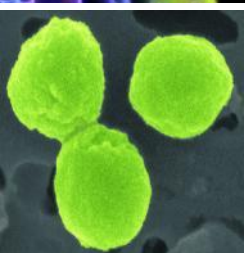
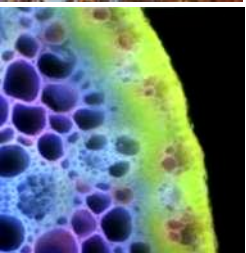
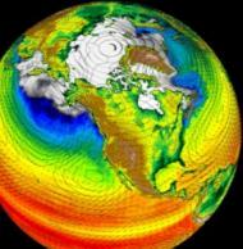
ASCEM Software Life Cycle



Site Applications Scope

- Provide site data for model development, testing and validation
- Provide sites for demonstrating the platform and HPC simulator
- Establish and maintain interfaces with end users
- Solicit input to requirements specification and development activities





Backup Slides

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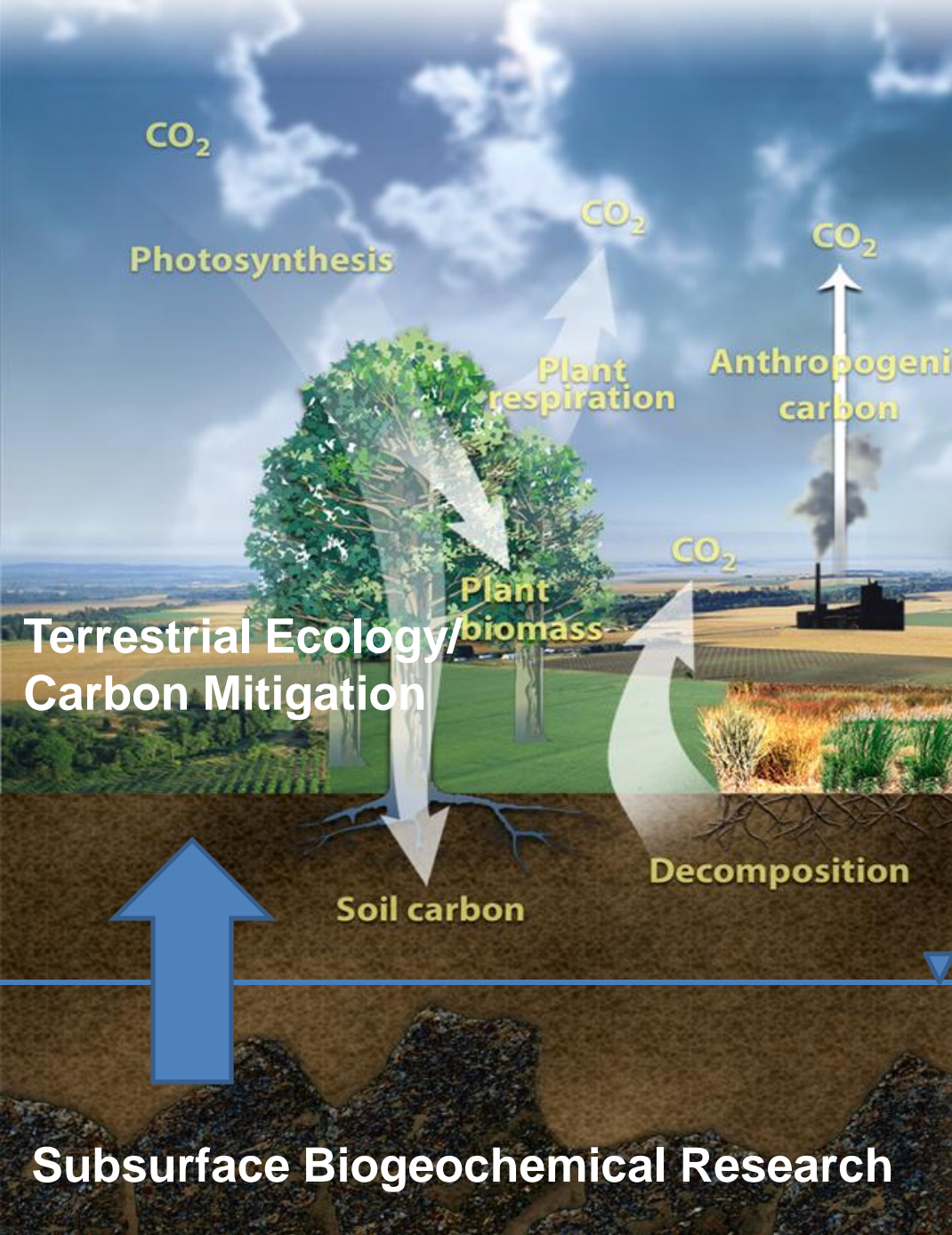
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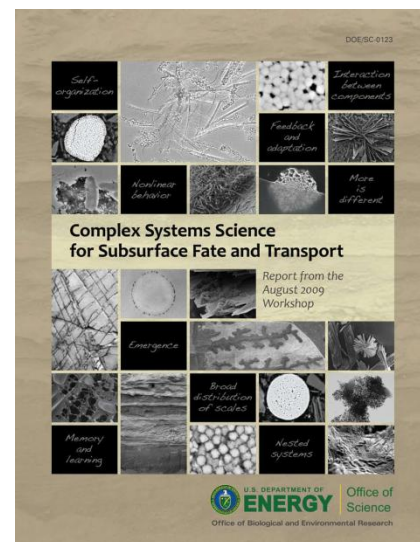
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Future Directions

New Strategic Plan for Subsurface Biogeochemical Research

- more integrative within BER
- broadens the applicability of subsurface science
- addresses multiple DOE missions
- looks to integrate with CESD Environmental Systems Science
- informed by a recent workshop “*Complex Systems Science for Subsurface Fate and Transport*, August 2009”





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Track progress/accomplishment

- Awards, real-world applications
- Website postings of publications (ERSP website and/or the ERSD website)
<http://www.lbl.gov/ERSP/generalinfo/publications.html>

Annual PI meetings (early April each year)

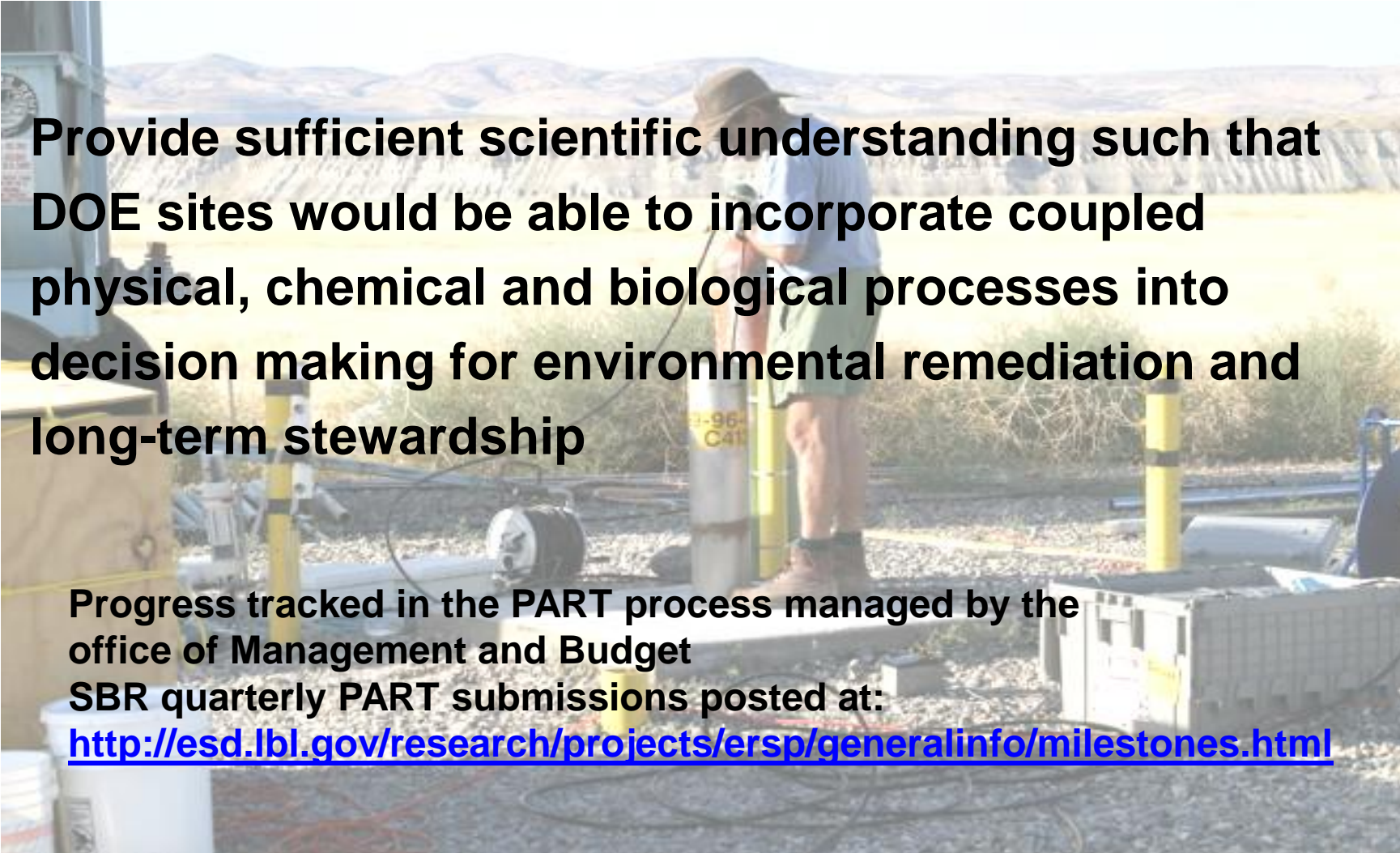
- Mandatory attendance by Lead PIs
- Mandatory poster presentation
- Selected oral presentations

Regular reviews/updates of major program elements

- Quarterly and Annual reports from Field Site lead PIs
- Field Research Executive Committee (FREC)
- Triennial On Site reviews of Lab SFA programs (ORNL, ANL)

Annual progress reports from program projects

- University PIs must submit an annual report for continuation of funding
 - Continued funding subject to program manager approval
- Annual FWP submissions for Labs
 - Continuation subject to program manager approval
- Annual reports from National Lab programs

A background photograph showing a person in a field site, wearing a hat and a light-colored shirt, standing next to a piece of equipment labeled "96-Cat". The site is outdoors with mountains in the background and various pieces of equipment and cables on the ground.

Provide sufficient scientific understanding such that DOE sites would be able to incorporate coupled physical, chemical and biological processes into decision making for environmental remediation and long-term stewardship

Progress tracked in the PART process managed by the office of Management and Budget

SBR quarterly PART submissions posted at:

<http://esd.lbl.gov/research/projects/ersp/generalinfo/milestones.html>

ERSP Science Portfolio

LTM	Strategic Goals	Science Themes	Project Areas	Funding Mechanism
ERSD Long Term Measure Provide sufficient scientific understanding to allow DOE sites to incorporate coupled biological, chemical and physical processes into decision making for environmental remediation	Goal 1: Develop an improved understanding of the processes governing the fate and transport of contaminants in the subsurface in order to predict and control environmental remediation and long term stewardship of DOE sites.	Fundamental Molecular Scale Research	Surface Chemistry	EMSL, EMSIs Synchrotron support
			Aqueous Complexes	
			Nanoscale Research	
		Subsurface Biogeochemistry	Microbe-Mineral Reactions	ERSP Research: SFA's + Notices
		Subsurface Microbiology	Contaminant-Mineral Rxns	
			Microbial Ecology/Metabolism	
		Groundwater Flow and Transport	Microbially Catalyzed Rxns	
			Aquifer Characterization	
		Vadose Zone Processes	Groundwater Hydrology	
			Geochemical Gradient Rxns	
	Goal 2: Explore new options and concepts for the remediation of subsurface environments.	Conceptual/Computer Model Development	Unsaturation Zone Chemistry	SciDAC
			Scaling of Processes	
		Field Scale Research	3D HPC Framework	IFC's
			Fate & Transport at Well Characterized Field Sites	
	Goal 3: Develop new measurement and monitoring tools to better understand and manage contaminant transport.	Physical/Chemical Remediation Processes	Immobilization	ERSP Research: SFA's + Notices
			Removal Techniques	
			Barrier research	
		Biological Processes	Bioremediation	
		Long Stewardship Research	MNA processes/ Modeling	ERSP Research & SBIR/STTR Projects
		Site Characterization Technologies	Geophysics Techniques Seismic, GPR, EMT etc.	
			Genomics-based techniques	
		Biological, Chemical and Physical Sensor Technology	Chemical speciation detection	
			Flow detection	
			Autonomous Sampling and Data Collection/Reporting Systems	

Scientific Focus Areas at the National Laboratories

Team-oriented Approach to Subsurface Science

PNNL (\$6.5M) - Integrated investigations of geochemical, microbial and transport processes at different scales.
Focus on Hanford Site (U, Tc, Pu)

LBNL (\$4.5M) – Integrated investigations of geochemical, microbial and transport processes at different scales.
Hanford 100 Area, Old Rifle IFRC, SRS F-Area (U, Cr, I)

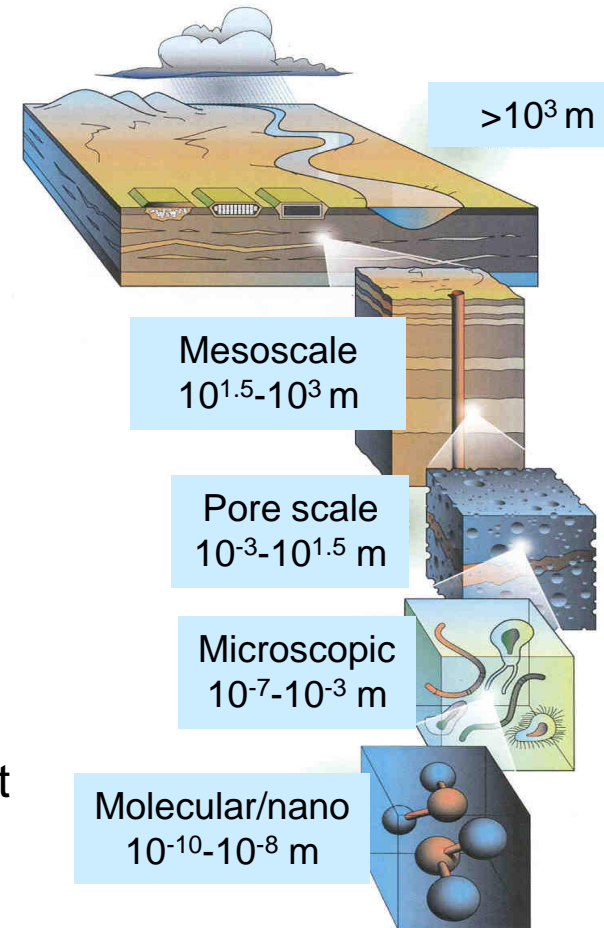
ORNL (\$3M) – Biogeochemistry, microbial processes (Hg)

ANL (\$1.5M) – Synchrotron environmental science

SLAC (\$0.7M) – Synchrotron environmental science

LLNL (\$1.2M) – Pu geochemistry at NTS – colloid transport

INL (\$1.5M) – Immobilization of metal contaminants
by amendment-driven mineral precipitation (Sr)



- *Lab programs rigorously reviewed every three years*
- *SFA Programs collaborative with the University community*

National Laboratory SFA Research Programs

➤ Argonne National Laboratory	\$1.5M
➤ Idaho National Laboratory	\$1.2M
➤ Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory	\$4.5M
➤ Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	\$1.2M
➤ Oak Ridge National Laboratory	\$3.0M
➤ Pacific Northwest National Laboratory	\$6.5M
➤ SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory	\$700K

National Laboratory SFA Program Reviews

➤ Argonne National Laboratory	reviewed in 2009
➤ Oak Ridge National Laboratory	reviewed in 2009
➤ Idaho National Laboratory	on-site review in June 2010
➤ Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory	on-site review in May 2010
➤ Pacific Northwest National Laboratory	review in 2011
➤ SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory	review in 2011
➤ Argonne National Laboratory	review in 2012
➤ Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	review in 2012
➤ Oak Ridge National Laboratory	review in 2012



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Program Responsibilities

PNNL SFA, SciDAC projects, Notice 08-09
Rifle IFRC, 60 University-led and DOE Lab
Co-PI awards

LBNL SFA, INL SFA, Notice 07-18, Notice
LAB 08-30, Hanford IFRC, 57 University-led
and DOE Lab Co-PI awards

EMSL, ORNL SFA, Oak Ridge IFRC,
12 University-led and DOE Lab Co-PI awards

LLNL SFA, 9 University-led and DOE Lab
Co-PI awards

ANL SFA, SLAC SFA, 8 University-led and
DOE Lab Co-PI awards

Basic Research Needs for Geosciences – Relationships to Applied Research Programs

Discovery Research	Use-inspired Basic Research	Applied Research	Technology Maturation & Deployment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Microscopic basis of macroscopic complexity - scaling ◆ Highly reactive subsurface materials and environments ◆ Thermodynamics of the solute-to-solid continuum ◆ Computational geochemistry of complex moving fluids within porous solids ◆ Integrated analysis, modeling and monitoring of geologic systems ◆ Simulation of multi-scale systems for ultra-long times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Mineral-fluid interface complexity and dynamics ◆ Nanoparticulate and colloid chemistry and physics ◆ Dynamic imaging of flow and transport ◆ Transport properties and <i>in situ</i> characterization of fluid trapping, isolation and immobilization ◆ Fluid-induced rock deformation ◆ Biogeochemical in extreme subsurface environments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Develop and test methods for assessing storage capacity and for monitoring containment of CO₂ storage ◆ Develop remediation methods to ensure permanent storage ◆ Demonstrate procedures for characterizing storage reservoirs and seals ◆ Integrated models for waste performance prediction and confirmation ◆ Radionuclide partitioning in repository environments. ◆ Waste form stability and release models. ◆ Incorporate new conceptual models into uncertainty assessments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Develop site selection criteria ◆ Develop storage and operating engineering approaches ◆ Storage demonstrations ◆ Apply assessment protocols and technologies for the lifecycle of projects ◆ Evaluate release of radionuclide inventory from the repository ◆ Assess corrosion/alteration of engineered materials ◆ Long-term safety/risk assessment for emplacement of energy system by-products.

Geosciences Research Portfolio – 4 Focus Areas

Rock Physics (\$4.4M)

Electrical properties
Nonlinear elasticity
Fracturing and imaging
Signatures of fluids
Attenuation and scattering
Electromagnetic inversions
Time-lapse imaging
Imaging permeability

Flow and Transport (\$2.1M)

Channelization
Fractures
Porosity evolution
Large scale transport
Coupled processes
Reactive transport
Thermal-chemical-mechanical
feedbacks



Analytical Geochemistry (\$4.4M)

Synchrotron science
Mass spectrometry
Isotopic geochemistry



Theoretical and Experimental Geochemistry \$7.8M)

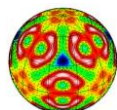
Computational modeling
Thermodynamics
Surface geochemistry
Reactivity
Interfacial processes
Microbial-mineral responses
Chemical Imaging
Nanogeosciences



2010: Energy Frontier Research Centers
Single Investigator and Small Group
Research



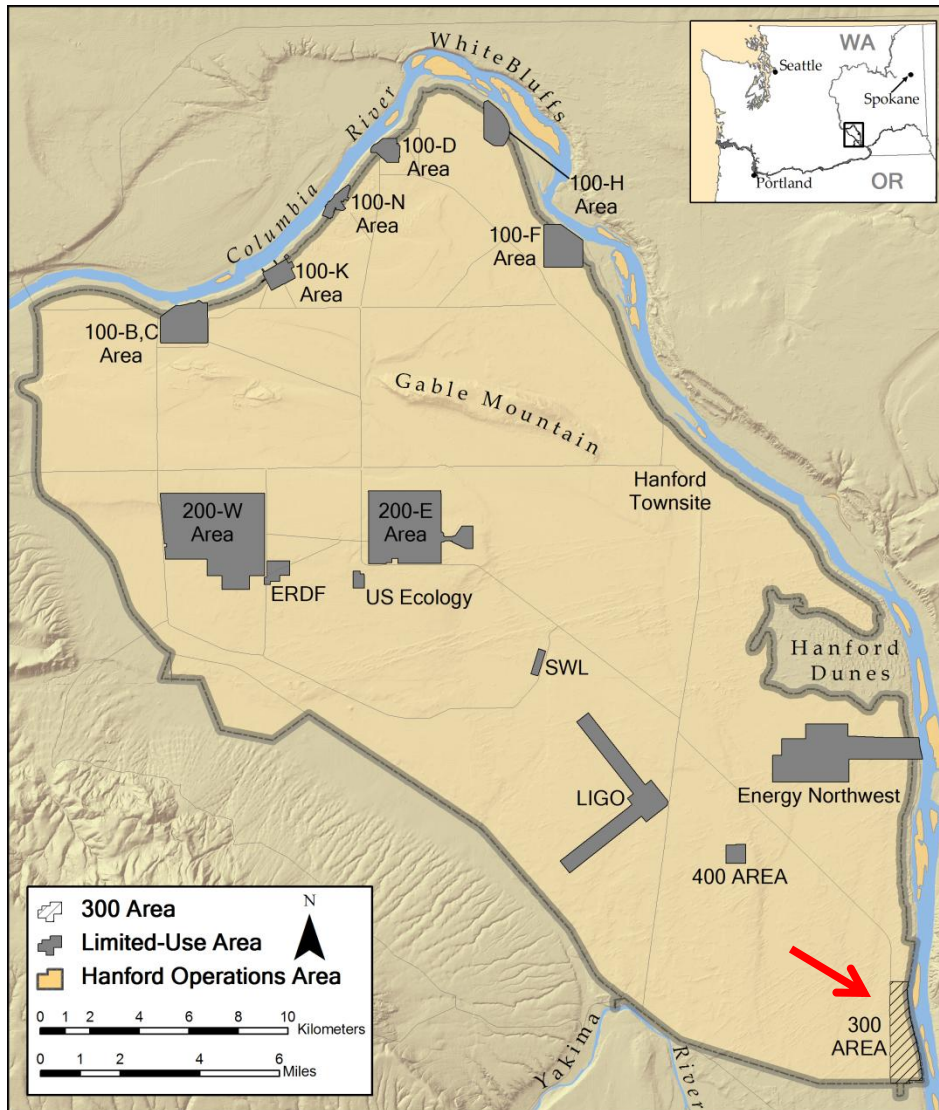
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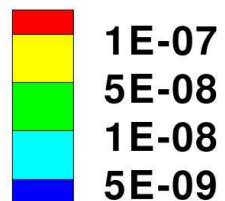
Basic Energy Sciences

Geosciences Research
Chemical Transformations Team
Chemical Sciences, Geosciences, and Biosciences Division

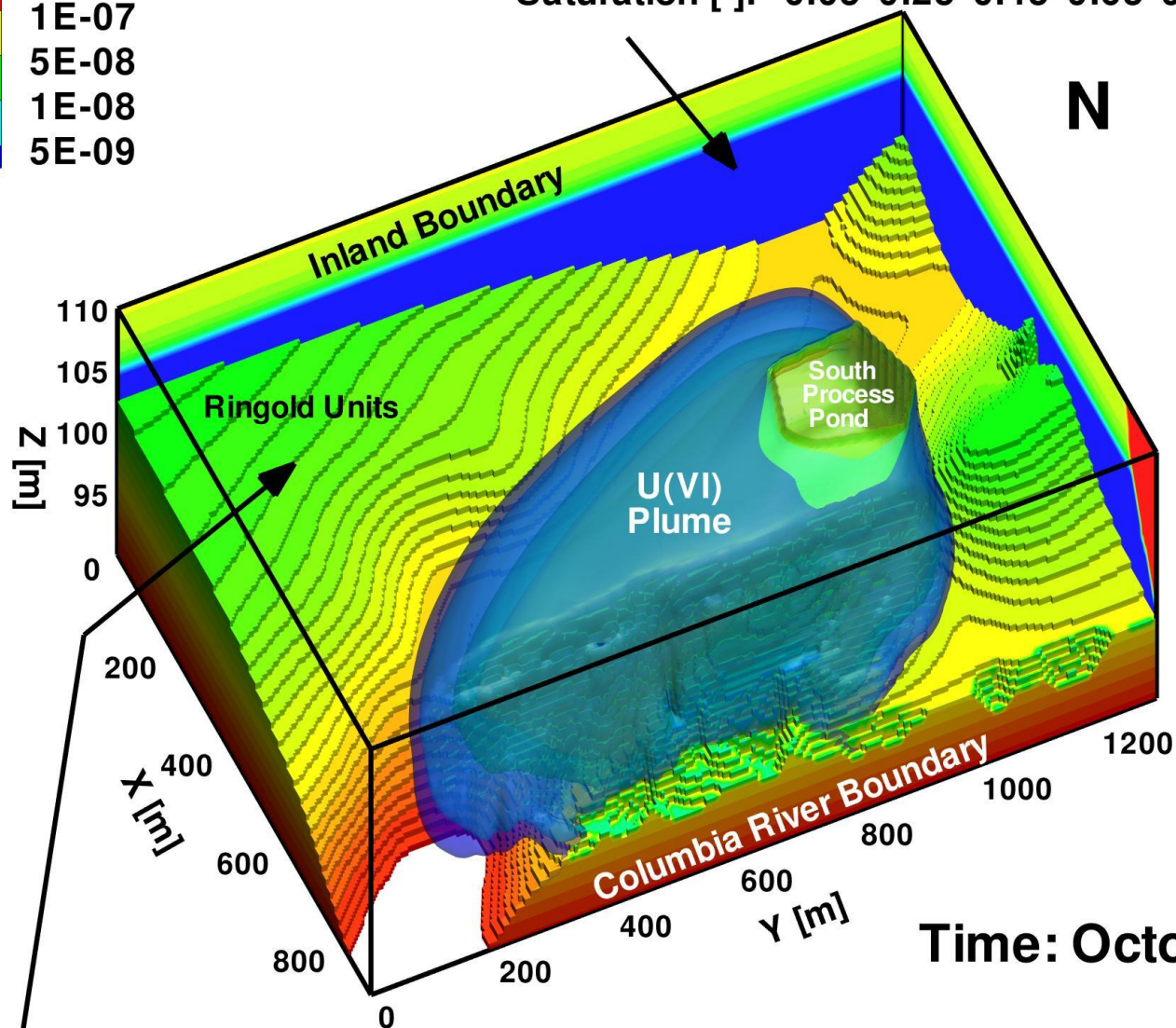
Hanford Site



U(VI) Concentration [M]

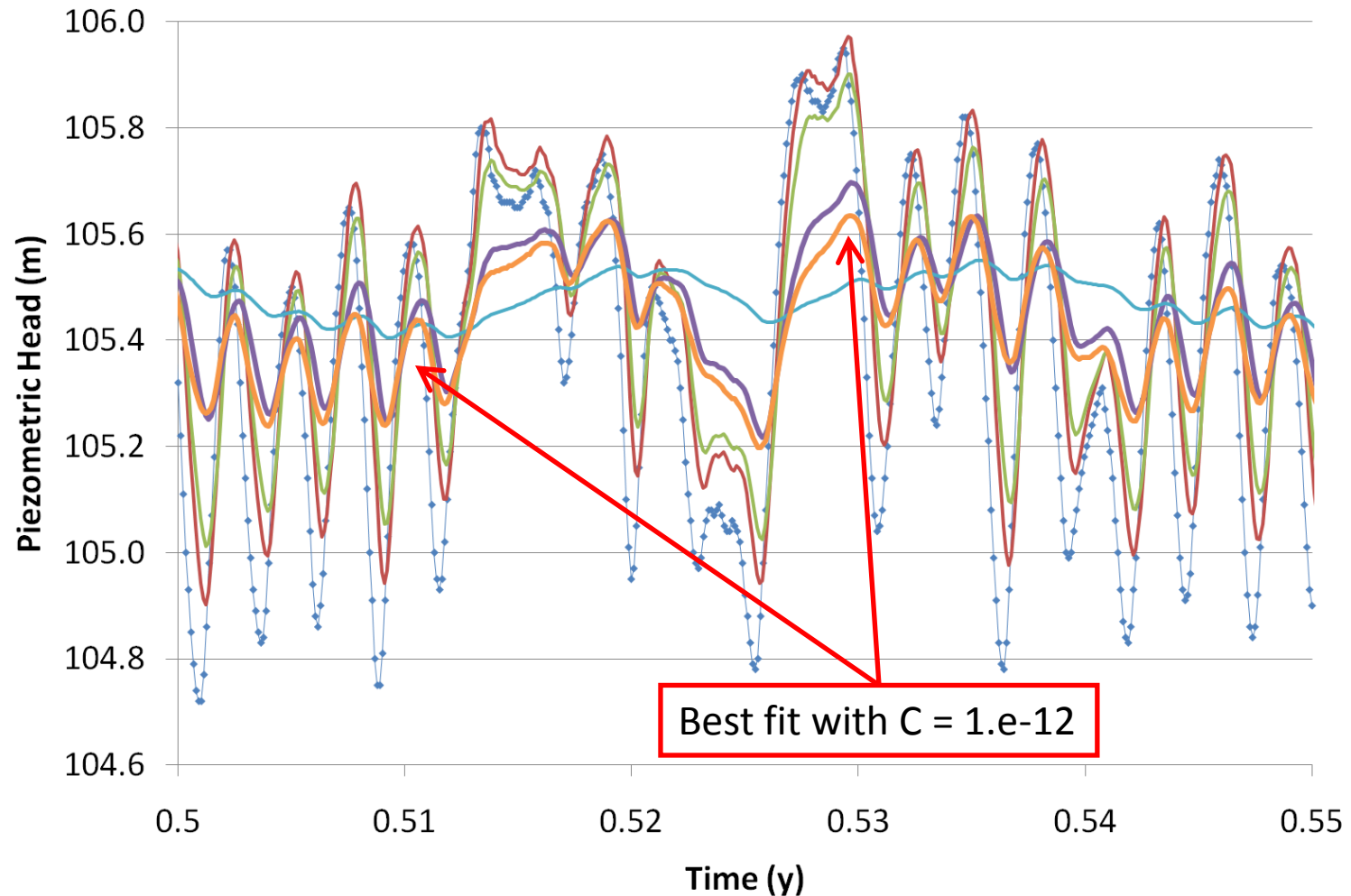


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Pressure [Pa]: 10000 50000 90000 130000 170000 210000

Simulated Piezometric Head as a Function of Conductance Boundary Condition (C)



—●— River Stage

— PFLOTRAN (C = 1.e-12)

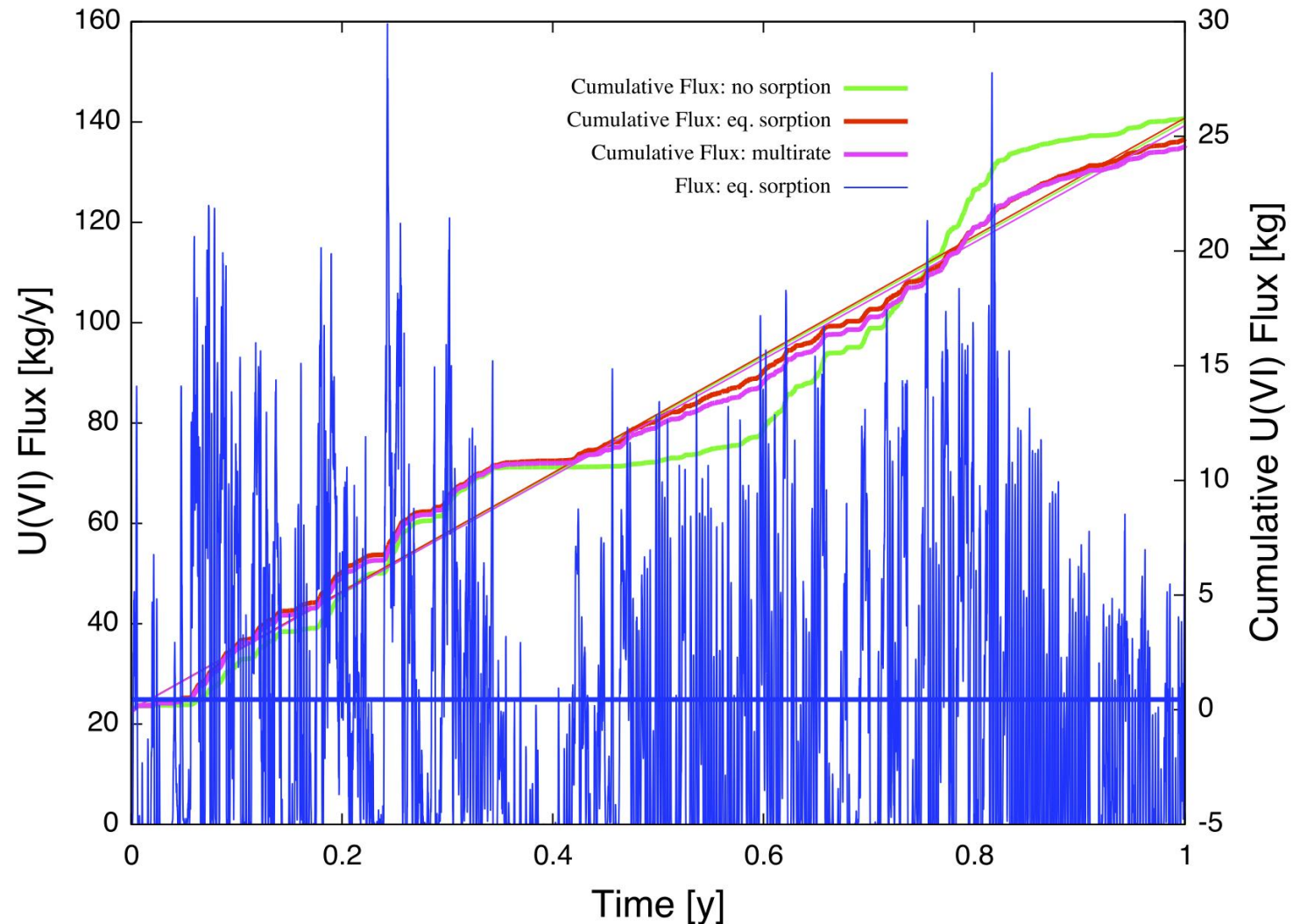
— PFLOTRAN (no cond. bc)

— PFLOTRAN (C = 1.e-13)

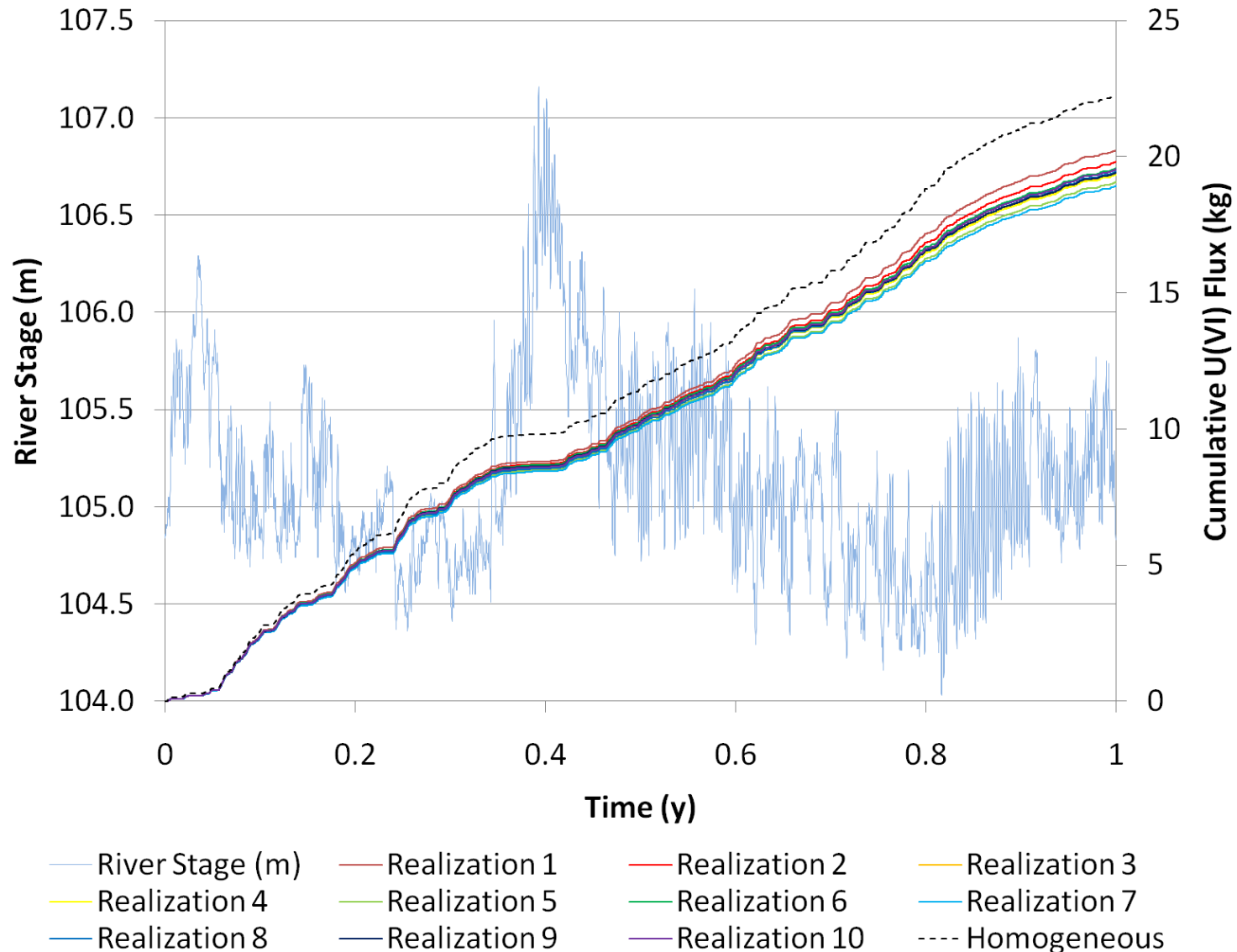
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— Observation @ 399-2-1

Comparison of Instantaneous and Cumulative Uranium Flux into the Columbia River



Uranium Flux to Columbia River for 10 Realizations of Random Permeability



Conclusions

- Waterborne IP illuminated the hydrogeologic framework of this major hyporheic corridor
- DTS demonstrates that hydrogeologic framework mapped with IP exerts major control on hyporheic exchange
- Hyporheic exchange is focused, to locations where Hanford formation is thickest, and sometimes co-located with paleochannels

